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**Okaloosa Island
Boardwalk Fireworks**
By P.J. Ziegler
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Opening Remarks

Getting Older,
Road Trips and More

I'm at the age where I need a different doctor for each one of my body parts. Getting older is something we all have in common, but I'm getting there a little faster than most of you.

It's been over two months since my recent heart scare, and I'm happy to say I'm still not dead yet and only owe the hospital \$72,000. I'm eating healthily, as well as stealthily (can't say no to a TOPS burger once a week, sorry). I'm taking my pills, lots of 'em, except when I forget to.

I located my gym membership card under the driver's seat when I was looking for change, so I regret to inform you I'll be exercising again real soon.

Paula and I hit the road last month for her annual family reunion. Her mother is one of 19 children (!), and an astonishing number of Mrs. Hilton's siblings are still with us, thank God. And all of them have children, grandchildren, etc. So we're talking thousands of people running around looking for pecan pie.

The town where they have their event, Rockdale, Texas, is pretty small—I'm thinking Lasseter Family Reunion Weekend is what's keeping that city's economy afloat.

I've been eight or nine times, and only on the most recent trip discovered there is a really cool bar/restaurant called The Ranch almost right across the street from our hotel. (The Walmart is directly across the street, lucky us, but you don't want to try and walk there, no sir.)

The so-called "Godfather of the Austin Blues" was playing there Saturday night—this I learned from a flyer at one of Rockdale's three (and counting) liquor stores. I didn't get to see him, but I grabbed a copy of one of his CDs—kids, those are what people listened to music on before streaming—and a bottle of Crown Royal because it's good for my heart.

Rockdale has the weirdest CVS Pharmacy I've ever seen. It doesn't look like any other I've visited, and believe me, I've been to lots of them. This one looks like they took over the Mom and Pop drug store and just slapped a sign on the outside of the building. They didn't even have



Editor Manson and the lovely Paula Hilton on the road last month, somewhere outside Houston, Texas. The BBQ pie and banana pudding at Gabby's were first rate, by the way. Photo by Jessika Kelsh.

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This Issue's Contributors

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Follow P.J.'s work on Instagram (@fox8sports), 500px (@PJZIEGLER) and Fine Art America.

Carrie Hunter ("Hurricane Michael Over Six Months Later") is a filmmaker from Northwest Florida. After graduating from FSU's film school, she worked as a Creative Services Director at Channel 3 in Pensacola and as an associate producer on the independent film *The Lengths* (available on Amazon Prime). Carrie moved to New York to work as an apprentice with the Directors Guild of America, gaining eligibility for guild membership on both coasts. She was assigned to shows like *Luke Cage*, *Law and Order*, *Kimmy Schmidt*, *Blindspot*, and *Ben is Back*.

After completing the program, she returned to the south to produce her own work, including her current documentary *This Is Six Months After Hurricane Michael*. In the fall, she will be attending law school at Georgia State University with a focus on intellectual property and entertainment law.

Clay Jones (Cartoons) syndicates his cartoons daily to publications across the country. Clay was born in Fort Hood, Texas, and was raised in Louisiana, Illinois, California and Georgia. He currently lives in Fredericksburg, Virginia. His cartoons have recently been featured on CNN, and he was a finalist for the 2019 Herblock Prize.

Subscribe to the **Claytoonz** YouTube channel and watch Clay Jones create his masterpieces and demystify the whole cartooning thing.

Dave Rauschkolb ("Shifting Sands") is the founder and owner of Bud & Alley's Restaurant in Seaside *among other things.*

Seagrove Beach resident **Nikki Hedrick** ("Visionaries and Dreamers") is a photographer and longtime *Beachcomber* contributor. She is the co-owner of 850 Music and Entertainment, and wears a few other hats, too. Nikki is currently up to her ears in beach wedding season.

Opening Remarks CONTINUED...

Nicorette gum, so I had to start chain-smoking cigarettes again.

Just kidding.

Anyway, this was an especially satisfying trip. Both of our meal stops on that 12-plus-hour drive were outstanding (and not particularly healthy, but who can say no to Frito BBQ pie and banana pudding?). Paula, channeling her late great father who always said he should have been a truck driver, insisted on driving the whole way. Her daughter and I offered to help, but we both have a nasty habit of running into things.

We stopped at a great, great truck stop—superstore, really—called Buc-ee's where you can pretty much do all your Christmas shopping for your sober friends. And I think Paula and Jessica did just that. Happily, there's one right outside of Foley, Alabama now, so I won't have to go all the way to the Lone Star state come the yuletide.

But I'll continue to make the trip to Texas every summer as long as anyone wants to see me. And Paula drives. I enjoy the Friday night singalongs,

the camaraderie, the nonstop card games, horseshoe tournaments, etc. And rarely do I ever get so excited about going to Walmart. Hopefully, the Godfather will hang on for another year.

Love,
Editor Manson

YOUR THOUGHTS AND COMMENTS

I was away for a few weeks. Just caught up with the penultimate *Beachcomber*. Another tourist complaint about non-pabulum content. Don't they realize we need an alternative to Ron Hart? Also, if you continue to piss them off, maybe they will stop coming.

- Bill Higgins

What a great article ("Lordy, Lordy, Harbor Docks Is..." by Charles Morgan III, June 20-July 3 *Beachcomber*). Thanks, Charles, for all the wonderful meals and friendships my family has made there!

- David C. Cooper

Wonderful place, the best people ever, and many good memories. Thank you to each and every one of you!

- Robert Weeks

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Susan Myers' Legacy Lives on at NWF State College

Before her passing earlier this year, Mrs. Susan Pryor Sloat Myers decided to link her name with Northwest Florida State College's Learning Resources Center with a one million dollar bequest. Today, her name is on permanent display on the Susan Myers Learning Resources Center at the college's Niceville Campus.

Mrs. Myers was the great-granddaughter of John Thomas and Harriet C. Brooks, among the first settlers in the Fort Walton Beach area. In 1868, the Brookses purchased 111 acres of what is now downtown Fort Walton Beach. Mrs. Myers' grandmother, Sarah Frances Brooks Pryor, was born in 1877. She married W. C. Pryor, who in 1915 became the first superintendent of schools in newly formed Okaloosa County—W.C. Pryor Middle School is named in his honor.

Following in her family's footsteps, Susan Pryor Sloat Myers was active in the community, serving on the city council for the City of Fort Walton Beach and many other community organizations. She was inducted into the Okaloosa County Commission on

the Status of Women's Hall of Fame in 2005.

Mrs. Myers received an associate's degree in humanities from the University of Florida, a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Colorado, and a master's degree in industrial psychology from Southern Methodist University.

She was married to M. Scott Myers, a renowned industrial psychologist who earned his Ph.D. in industrial psychology from Purdue University. Together, the couple started their own consulting practice and traveled for 28 years. They moved back to Fort Walton Beach in 1990.

When asked why she wanted to support NWF State College, Mrs. Myers said, "The college has a permanent presence in Northwest Florida, with deep roots in the community, much like my family."

In addition to the named building, Mrs. Myers also bequeathed \$90,000 to establish the Susan Pryor Sloat Myers Scholarship Fund. This fund will provide six named scholarships each

year for graduates of Choctawhatchee High School, Fort Walton Beach High School, and any other high school that may be constructed in the future to service students of the Fort Walton Beach area.

Mrs. Myers affectionately titled the scholarships in honor of her family members M. Scott Myers, Sarah Frances Brooks Pryor, W.C. Pryor, Diana Pryor Sloat, John Gregory Sloat, and Susan Pryor Sloat. Mrs. Myers was immensely proud of her late husband and pioneer ancestors for the indelible mark they left on her and the history of Fort Walton Beach. This was her way of honoring them while also recognizing her positive community influence and accomplishments.

"Susan's generosity will benefit NWF students for years to come," said **Dr. Devin Stephenson**, NWF State College President. "Her legacy, love of



this region and our college will live on through this exceptional gift."

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More Good News for NWFSC Students

In a unanimous decision, Northwest Florida State College's Board of Trustees voted to approve the college's budget for the 2019-20 academic year with no increases to tuition or fees. This will be the sixth consecutive year the Board of Trustees has held tuition flat for students.

"NWF State College remains committed to being the first choice for accessible, affordable and relevant higher education," said **Brian Pennington**, chairman of the NWF State Board of Trustees. "On behalf of the college's Board of Trustees, we will continue to make every effort to remove financial barriers so we can be an open door for anyone who wants to improve their lives through higher education."

The college is also focused on decreasing general education textbook costs for students. The average cost of a new general education textbook decreased from \$87.03 in spring 2018 to \$79.29 in spring 2019. To ensure consistency in instruction and reduce costs to students with bulk pricing,

the college requires all sections of a general education course to utilize the same textbooks. Exceptions are only granted for pilot projects or student benefit.

One hundred percent of general education textbooks and instructional materials remained and will remain in use for more than one term.

"We want to provide the absolute best educational experience for our students," said **Dr. Devin Stephenson**, president. "Students can attend Northwest Florida State College and learn from our world-class faculty and experience the best in academic and student development services."

In other business, the Board of Trustees voted to extend the term of Dr. Stephenson's employment contract through June 30, 2022. The board elected Mr. Pennington to serve as chair and Lori Kelley to serve as vice-chair.

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Virgin's Brightline Train Dreams Are Going to Be Derailed

By Carl Hiaasen, Tribune Content Agency

Sir Richard Branson, the charismatic British billionaire who founded Virgin Atlantic airlines, has come to Florida to lose his marbles.

Branson is investing actual money in the crazy plan to run a high-speed train from downtown Miami to the Orlando airport via Cocoa, of all places.

Originally the project was called All Aboard Florida, then Brightline and now Virgin Trains USA. (At least they didn't change the name to All Board Virgins.)

Currently Virgin travels between Miami and West Palm Beach, a segment that was opened with the promise of reducing wretched commuter traffic on South Florida's most congested I-95 corridor.

If any part of the rail plan had a chance of turning a profit, it was the Miami-to-West Palm leg. Not happening.

In a disclosure form filed with the state, Virgin Trains stated that ridership in 2018 was about half of what had been predicted, and that the company lost \$87 million in the first nine months. And yet on June 24, a groundbreaking ceremony was held to officially begin extending the rail service north-by-northwest.

Here's what Branson said while he was in Miami recently riding one of the trains: "We decided, 'Everyone in America uses cars because the rail network is run by the government—and they have nothing like what we have in Europe.'"



Sir Richard Branson, founder of the Virgin Group.

Actually, Americans like to take trains when the route is convenient and the price is right, but even then passenger railways bleed money. Tons of money.

As designed, the Miami-Orlando project is just plain dumb, and financially doomed. That's why the company gave up trying to lure public investors

and instead raised capital by selling "private activity bonds" sweetened with tax breaks.

Sixty-seven optimists kicked in a total of \$1.75 billion. Whatever they're smoking, it's stronger than anything you'll find in your local dispensary.

Branson is sticking with the plan of using the existing Florida East Coast Railway line up the coast to Cocoa, where the trains will make a hard turn west on new tracks that will end at a special terminal in the Orlando airport.

This odd, indirect route has angered many residents of Indian River and Martin counties, through which the high-speed trains are scheduled to pass 32 times a day. Those seeking to block the project cite noise and safety concerns, plus the potential hindrance to first-responders stuck at railway crossings.

Last week Virgin Trains proudly announced that its trains will reach speeds up to 125 mph. Passengers supposedly will make it from Miami to Orlando in three hours—only about 30 minutes less than if they drove themselves.

Then, once you disembark at the Orlando airport, you get to stand in line and wait for a rental car. Brilliant.

So forget about saving time by hopping on the train. You won't.

Will you save money? Nope. The company avoids discussing future ticket prices, but they won't be inexpensive—definitely more than you'd pay for a tank of gas.



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Generations

By Charles Morgan III

"We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors. We borrow it from our children."

- Chief Seattle

It has become a worn out, meaningless, tiresome sentiment, probably most eloquently stated over 200 years ago by an Indian chief. It's common to hear politicians talk about "leaving our children a better world," "not saddling our grandchildren with our debt," and "insuring that the next generation is more prosperous than this one."

On an international, national, or even a local level, none of that looks like it's going to happen.

I'm not capable of solving the world's problems. I haven't even been successful at solving problems on a local level (I was a city councilman for four years). I still struggle with personal issues.

But I do have a proposal for coming to grasp with the challenges that face The World's Luckiest Fishing Village.

Occasionally, the issue of term limits for elected officials is proposed in this country. It usually has bipartisan support. It is argued that congressmen and senators would be more effective if their terms were finite—and short.

Incumbents wouldn't be constantly campaigning for reelection. They wouldn't be targets for lobbyists representing special interests. Citizens could spring from the general population, perform a term of public service, and return to a regular job.

This idea is usually shot down quickly—by elected politicians.

I suggest that we try this experiment on a local basis, in the same district that Bob "He Coon" Sykes represented for 38 years in Congress.

In Destin, we inherited white sand beaches, a healthy Choctawhatchee Bay, and a perfectly located working harbor. We have spent my entire adult life mucking it all up. And done a hell of a job.

I include myself in the group that will be banned from elected public service. Anyone should be able to serve our town—in any capacity, for one term—and then move on. Age limits should apply. If you're over 50, you can volunteer all you want—we certainly could use help in many areas. But you can't hold an elected office.

I'd like for my grandchildren to go to the same elementary school their parents and grandmother went to. But I'd prefer they didn't have to sweat it out in the same portable, FEMA-style trailers that their parents sat in 30 years ago. I don't want them to get a *good* education. I want them to have a chance to attend the greatest public school in history.

I'd also like for them to be able to ride a bike, walk, or jog without getting murdered by an automobile. I'd like for them to grow up in a town with way too many parks, trees, public beaches, sidewalks, bike lanes, swimming pools, and tennis courts.

The chance of leaving this place in better shape than we found it is a slim one. But maybe, if my generation would gracefully step aside and admit defeat (or at least admit to gross negligence), the younger people in this village can figure things out and do a better job than we did.

We're not going to leave this a better place than we found it, but at least let's leave it to a younger generation so that they might have time to fix it.

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Shifting Sands

By Dave Rauschkolb

Those power brokers intent on denying the public's right to use and enjoy our beach as we have since time immemorial are determined to paint this as a private property rights issue. Customary Use is not an attack against private property rights, it is an affirmation that regardless of ownership of the sand we all have a right to access, use and enjoy our shared coastal American border.

"No entity, regardless of ownership, may deny or exclude Americans or

international visitors from freely and lawfully accessing and using our American beaches from the dune line to the mean high tide waterline." These words should be all that is needed in a federal or state law.

Private property in the conventional sense—beyond our coastal borders—is not in dispute. Reams of legal and laymen's arguments have been and are being written to paint non-beachfront owners' use of our beaches as an attack on private property. It is not because our beaches are very different from conventional private property.

We all own private property, and the law is clear on Americans' right to preserve and protect their private property. That is rarely if ever in dispute. The reason this issue is in dispute is because we have truly shared our beaches for centuries. The claim of exclusion on beaches, couched in private property rights arguments, is a fairly recent development in American history.


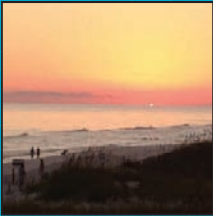
We have a shared coastal heritage on our beaches. Clearly our coasts have value, as the closer one purchases to a beach the values are highest. The value and strength of coastal economies depend on the use of our beaches for all. For a finite group of citizens to claim exclusion of our beaches to the rest of all Americans is an affront to all non-beachfront owning Americans.

Those powerful and well-funded people wanting to change a balance that has existed a very, very long time bitterly claim their private prop-

erty is being taken away. No. They purchased the convenience of being steps from the beach and the view. They can't build on the sand and there are no tax assessments directly attached to that sand. It is not private property in the conventional sense as it applies to all other land that is private property.

No, this is not about private property. It is about excluding all of us from enjoying and using our most treasured and beloved beaches. Our beaches, the shifting sands of our common Coastal American heritage. Perhaps, besides it not being buildable or taxable, it could be argued that the sandy areas of our beaches may never be called "private" because the land they purchased is constantly on the move by tidal action, wind and storms.





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Carl Hiaasen CONTINUED...

Still, if the high-speed project somehow gets finished, expect an early surge of interest among tourists, commuters and South Floridians heading on Disney vacations.

Fast trains are fun to ride, and much easier on the environment than the family SUV. But in the long term, people won't keep buying tickets if it's not cheaper, faster and more convenient than driving their own cars.

Branson's grand business concept is a synergistic rail link between Miami, where Virgin will someday have cruise ships, and Orlando and Tampa, where tourists can board a Virgin flight and go home. Dream on.

Oh, lots of people will make money off expanding the Virgin train line—the landholders along the route, the contractors working on the tracks and infrastructure—but not Branson and the other investors.

Furthermore, the argument that the project isn't costing taxpayers any money is nonsense. Every community through which the train speeds will face losses because of traffic and noise problems that will negatively impact real estate values.

Worse, if the project goes bankrupt,

guess who gets stuck with the bill for maintaining those 235 miles of new and upgraded tracks.

Branson is a smart, bold guy whose brand brought some desperately needed credibility to the struggling Brightline operation, but he's also had some flops. Remember Virgin Cola? Of course you don't.

Virgin Vodka? Virgin Cosmetics? Virgin bridal shops?

He's been running a passenger rail service for years in the United Kingdom, but Florida is a different universe.

"If you have a big vision about something," Brandon said during his Miami trip, "you've just got to stick with it and prove people wrong and get it done."

Alas, poor Sir Richard. You have come to a place that's famous for making smart guys look stupid.

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Coming to the CAA's Bayou Arts Center...Pottery!

The Cultural Arts Alliance of Walton County (CAA) has opened a new Pottery Studio at the Bayou Arts Center in Santa Rosa Beach. Classes will begin this fall, with reservations on a first-come, first-served basis.

The gift of pottery equipment several years ago by long-time CAA members and artists Tom and Karen McGee was the catalyst for the idea of the Pottery Studio, which came to fruition through a generous donation from **Shawn and Richard Tomasello**.

"Richard and I are grateful for the opportunity to support our community via the Pottery Studio," says Shawn. "Research has shown the positive mental and spiritual effects of pottery for students and participants. We see the Pottery Studio as one more way to influence community wellness."

Pottery is having a resurgence of late, with the *New York Times* claiming, "Pottery Is the New Pilates." Working with clay—which requires the participant to focus, be precise, and engage—allows them to concentrate their creative energy while taking a break from everyday stressors and to claim many health and therapeutic benefits including gentle exercise, increased sociability, and improved quality of life through artistic expression.

"Pottery is a balm not only for stress, but for those suffering from depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, or other forms of trauma such as the death of a family member or a divorce," says **George "Skip" Deems**, a CAA Member Artist and prolific ceramic artist who spearheaded the pottery program. "It has been clinically shown that the tactile, meditative experience of

molding clay improves physical health, too. It can lower heart rate and blood pressure, which regulates breathing."

"Along with the gifts from the Tomasellos and McGees, the Pottery Studio would not have been possible without the vision and hard work of Skip and his committee," says **Jennifer Steele**, CAA executive director. "We are also grateful to the Walton County Board of County Commissioners and Tourist Development Council for their support of the Bayou Arts Center expansion, which allows us to offer a new creative discipline to the community."

The Pottery Studio will offer professional instruction for a range of students. Locally, few classes in ceramics are being offered, enabling the studio to become a future Walton County asset. Open studio time will also be available for ceramic artists to create without instruction.

Stacy Martin, a newcomer to the CAA fold, is the first pottery instructor to mold young minds during this summer's Creative Kids Camp, running through July for a range of ages. Campers are learning the basic techniques of hand building, glazing and firing, giving them the distinction of being the first artists to create in the new studio.

The CAA is seeking potential students and future lovers of pottery while also actively recruiting instructors to lead workshops and classes throughout the year. Any ceramic artists hoping to be considered for a teaching position should contact the CAA by emailing info@culturalartsalliance.com or calling 850-622-5970.

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Tuesdays. Art for Children Ages 6-12, 4-5:30 PM. **Marcy Eady** teaches about the masters and their styles using principles of basic drawing, painting and sculpture. Media vary each week. Cost per month is \$70 (\$60 for ADSO members). All supplies included.

Tuesdays. Oil Painting with Dale Gauvin, 9 AM-1 PM. Learn the Chiaroscuro technique favored by the old masters. Cost is \$90 (\$80 for ADSO members).

Tuesdays. Open Studio, 7-9:30 PM. Bring your own supplies (no pottery) and work with other Beachcomberland artists. Cost is \$12 (\$10 for ADSO members). Call Marcy at 850-585-4967 by 5:30 p.m. to ensure access.



July 27. “Welcome to Watercolors!” Workshop with Natalia Light, 10 AM-12:30 PM. Paint a realistic, soft black cat...without using any black! Cost is \$25 (\$20 for ADSO members). Supply list online or purchase in class for \$5.



“Fear of Phone Battery Dying (Nomophobia)” by Jennifer Dennis, recently seen in the Arts and Design Society’s “Phobias” exhibit.

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THE SHARD SHOP in the Shops of Grayton, Grayton Beach. ShardWorx is a new way of making art with glass and resin on a painted surface. Open Mon.-Sat., 9:15 AM-4 PM. Classes daily. Adult classes, 9:30 AM. All ages classes at 11 AM, 1:30 and 3 PM. Classes last about an hour, and all materials are provided. Artwork is ready the day after class. All skill levels welcome. Adults start at \$85, kids at \$40. Sign up online at ShardShop.com or call 850-231-0544.

ART EVENTS

THROUGH JULY 15. THE FOSTER GALLERY’S SPRING ROTATION IN GRAND BOULEVARD TOWN CENTER, MIRAMAR BEACH
Artists include **Gayle Campbell, Donnelle Clark, Lee Clark, Heather Clements, Skip Deems, Iva Jazayeri, Linda Kernick, Jason Lindblad, Merry Beth Myrick, Rosalyn O’Grady, William Polley, Mary Redmann, Kathleen Schumacher, Shelly Swanger and Connie Sweetland.** Call 850-837-3037 or visit CulturalArtsAlliance.com for more info.

THROUGH JULY 29. THE FOSTER GALLERY’S SPRING ROTATION IN THE RUSKIN PLACE ARTIST COLONY, SEASIDE
Artists include **Melody Bogle, Marscha Cavaliere, Donnelle Clark, Patrick Connolly, Skip Deems, Joyful Enriquez, Victoria Guennewig, Marian Pacsuta, Mary Redmann, The Salty Sparrow, Nikki Staks, Jenna Varney, Krista Vind, and Judy Walton.** Call 850-837-3037 or visit CulturalArtsAlliance.com for more info.

THROUGH JULY 31. ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) WINDOW GALLERY DISPLAY AT THE ART CENTER, FORT WALTON BEACH



To provide a convenient art gallery for the community, ADSO presents month-long FREE exhibits in their studio windows, facing First Street. The July spotlight shines on **Thomas Walsh.** His current work—described as salty and

textural—captures the Old Florida vibe of living along the Gulf Coast. He believes in reducing our eco footprints, and his work focuses on using only locally reclaimed materials and found objects.

THROUGH AUG. 2. ADSO’S “STILL LIFE AS IT HAPPENS SHOW” AT THE ART CENTER, FORT WALTON BEACH
Enjoy art that captures moments frozen in time. Reception Friday, **July 12,** 6-8 PM, with a special “Battle of the Brushes.”

THROUGH FEB. 14, 2020. ROSEMARY BEACH SCULPTURE EXHIBITION
The second biennial juried art show of contemporary outdoor sculpture along Scenic Highway 30A includes 16 sculptures by 16 artists. More at rosemarybeachsculpture.com.

JULY 24. ADSO LUNCHEON AT THE ART CENTER, FORT WALTON BEACH



Award-winning **Kathleen Broaderick** talks about her journey from hobby painter to professional artist. She was named South Walton Artist of the Year in 2018 and won the Mattie Kelly Festival of the Arts poster contest in 2016. Ms. Broaderick’s work has also been featured on the cover of *Beachcomber*. The luncheon starts at 11:30 AM. Cost is \$12 if you make reservations by **July 22**—after that, it’s \$15. Email adsorsvp@gmail.com or call 850-244-1271.

ART GALLERIES

ADARO ART features works from 2015 South Walton Artist of the Year Juan Francisco Adaro, as well as other well-known local and international artists. Open daily from 10 AM to 5 PM. Now located in the Shops at the Hub, 7000 E. Scenic Highway 30A, Suite 21, Watersound, 561-985-5767. Email adaro.art@gmail.com or visit adaroart.com for more info.

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ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY Features art shows by local and regional artists. Open afternoons Tuesday through Saturday. Shows change monthly. Art classes and workshops in various media. 17 First Street SE, Fort Walton Beach. 850-244-1271. www.artsdesignsociety.org.

CHROMA STUDIO & GALLERY features the art of South Walton’s 2018 Artist of the Year **Kathleen Broaderick.** Browse Kathleen’s original oil paintings in the gallery or take a boutique paint class in Kathleen’s studio. Kathleen offers oil painting workshops featuring her energetic, loose and colorful style, as well as acrylic paint classes for artists and non-artists alike. The CHROMA Studio & Gallery is a place where guests will feel comfortable expressing



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Visionaries and Dreamers

By Nikki Hedrick

Deborah and Jeff Badarak have two very different music projects gaining steam across Beachcomberland. The Visionaries is their vehicle for the classic songs they love, often presented as a trio with Jim Vasquez on guitar. And then there is Carnival Dreams, a tribute to Natalie Merchant.

“Well, we had our first show in December of 2017, and we got married last year,” says Deborah. “So when we started, we were dating, and we met about three years ago. It just grew from there. That’s when it all came together. We used to live in Michigan, and I grew up here, went to Fort Walton Beach High School and graduated there. I moved up there about 11 years ago.”

Although the pair attended high school in separate states, their story is a shared one of band classes, saxophone, and marching band.

“When I met her, she had never sung professionally before,” says Jeff. “She was like me, one of those people growing up that just loved to sing in the shower and sing in the car—always singing along with the radio. But then when she met me, one of our first dates was... I wanted to take her out to karaoke, because the first night we met, she just randomly started singing to one of the songs that was playing overhead on the house music.

“I heard her voice and I was like, *Oh my gosh, you got to be kidding me. Such a beautiful voice.* Just a tone that was...it was different, it caught your ear. So I took her out to karaoke for one of our first dates. Fast forward a year, and we’re out playing our first show, I think.”

When it comes to the song list for a Visionaries show, Deborah says the selection process is pretty straightforward. They aim to include “all of our favorites growing up, and just the songs that you really, really enjoy.”

“It’s just easy going, fun music,” she says. “It’s very important to us that people can engage in our songs. Every song that we do, people can sing along to. Might not be able to dance to every one of them, but you can sing along and bob your head back and forth.”

How did the idea of Carnival Dreams and a Natalie Merchant tribute begin? “I found her music and started exploring it and realized how much material she’s done with 10,000 Maniacs,” says Jeff. “And for some reason, I just connected with her voice. It touched something inside me. And the writing style of her music, it’s always been consistent...a real deep, heartfelt writing style.”

“Her songs are just so musically beautiful to me,” says Deborah. “And then you add the interesting lyrics on top of it, and it just makes the song fantastic.”

The Badaraks are also in the beginning stages of crafting original songs. “We have that desire,” says Deborah. “We have one original down. We’ve been so busy lately that it’s sadly taken the back burner, but it’s something we are working towards.”



Jeff and Deborah Badarak.

Whether it’s originals, covers or their Natalie Merchant tribute, Jeff says he and Deborah are looking forward to “many years of entertaining the Panhandle here, the Emerald Coast. We definitely are here to stay. We love this place. It’s like paradise to me. And having grown up here, it is home for Deb.”

You can catch the pair at venues like Fort Walton Beach’s Giovanni’s One89 and Docie’s Dock, and 3rd Planet Brewing in Niceville.

Discover more at [Facebook.com/3Visionaries](https://www.facebook.com/3Visionaries).



Upcoming Music Releases

JULY 5

Abbath, *Outstrider*

Billy Branch & the Sons of Blues, *Roots and Branches – The Songs of Little Walter*

“We were determined not to make this a ‘typical’ Little Walter tribute recording,” Mr. Branch says. “We are proud to present an album with elements of soul, funk, and even a little bit of gospel. Our goal was to competently and respectfully produce a Little Walter-themed recording with a different twist, while preserving the integrity of Little Walter’s innovative style.”

Everything But the Girl, *Amplified Heart (25th Anniversary Edition)*. Vinyl debut.

Jesca Hoop, *STONECHILD**

Ernie Kovacs, *The Ernie Kovacs Album – Centennial Edition*

Lighthouse Family, *Blue Sky in Your Head*

Greatest Hits from Outer Space. Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the moon landing.

JULY 12

America, *50th Anniversary: The Collection*

Kyle Craft, *Showboat Honey**

The Dollyrots, *Daydream Explosion*

Paul McCartney, *Wings Over America, Choba B CCCP, Paul Is Live, Amoeba Gig**

Ed Sheeran, *No. 6 Collaborations Project**

Angie Stone, *Full Circle*

Supersonic Blues Machine, *Road Chronicles: Live!**

Featuring the great Kenny Aronoff on the skins, plus ZZ Top’s Billy Gibbons.

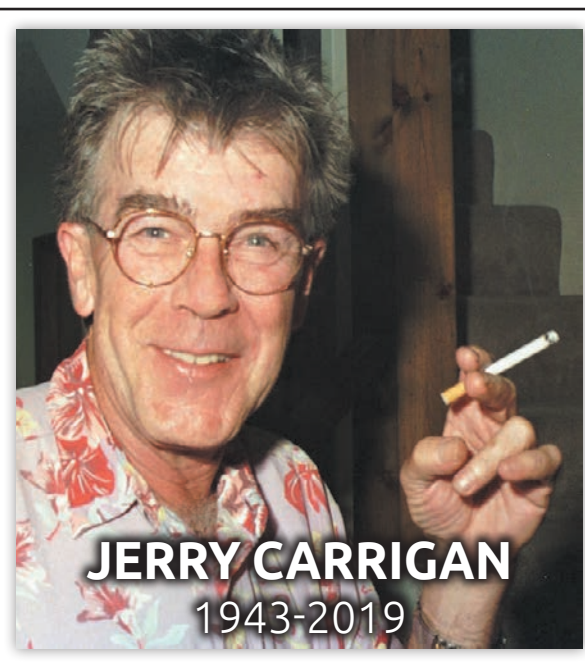
311, *Voyager*

Torche, *Admission*

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Riccardo Chailly

The Fellini Album – The Film Music of Nino Rota
Decca



Riccardo Chailly and the Filarmonica della Scala pay tribute to composer Nino Rota (1911-1979), who wrote more than 150 film scores for the likes of Visconti (*The Leopard*), Zeffirelli (*Romeo and Juliet*), Coppola (*Godfather I and II*)...and Federico Fellini. The 26 tracks draw from five of Fellini's major films: *8 1/2*, *La Dolce Vita*, *Amarcord*, *The Clowns*, and *Casanova*. Like the films they accompany, the tunes range across time and space, from the 18th to the 20th century, flavored with elements of circus, theatre, jazz, and the phantasmagorically eclectic visual imagination of Fellini himself—all per CGI!

- Bruce Collier

in the latter's own hybrid namesake piece, "Elchinov." It's a very inviting program.

- Bruce Collier

Cody Copeland

The Laminar Sessions
Independent



Technically stamped with a 2017 release date, this EP has just made its grand appearance on Bandcamp (along with some other new singles), making it new to me. I'm also here to spread the news that Copeland has returned to the Panhandle and is currently living in Pensacola. If that wasn't reason enough to celebrate, the EP is stunningly beautiful, one of the best showcases of Copeland's unique voice that I've had the pleasure to come across. *The Laminar Sessions* cements his place as one of the area's best singer-songwriters.

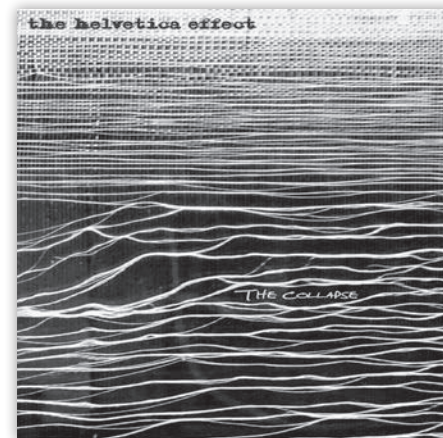
- Nikki Hedrick

demonstrates formidable chops, purring and swinging all at once.

- Bruce Collier

The Helvetica Effect

The Collapse
Independent

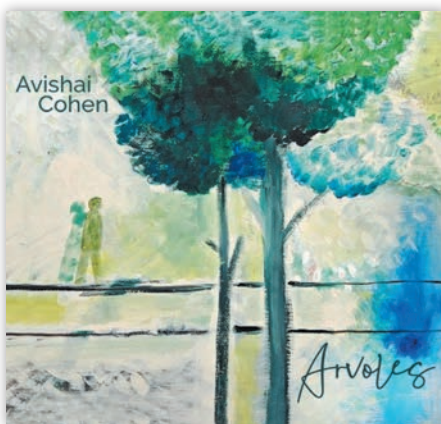


Fans and friends of the local rockers have been waiting for this five-song EP's release, and it beats all expectations—a pretty high bar if you've been a longtime friend of the band like me. It will shock no one that "Coded Words" gets my vote for the standout track—hello, breakdown goodness. Listening to *The Collapse* gives me warm and fuzzy feelings...proud of my friends, in awe of their talent, and hopeful for what comes next.

- Nikki Hedrick

Avishai Cohen

Arvoles
Razdaz Recordz



Jazz bassist Avishai Cohen joins with Elchin Shirinov (piano), Noam David (drums), Bjorn Samuelsson (trombone) and Anders Hagberg (flute) on *Arvoles* ("trees" in the Judaeo-Spanish Ladino language). Some jazz bassists are content to fade upstage keeping the beat and framework. Cohen is very active here, sometimes the anchor, sometimes the driver—his bow and fingers supplying a kind of voice, as in "Simonero" and "Face Me." The 10 tracks are by turns heady, pensive, melancholy, danceable, even argumentative. Both David and Shirinov shine throughout, especially

Stan Getz

Getz at the Gate
Verve



This is a previously unreleased live recording of jazz saxophonist Stan Getz, with Steve Kuhn (piano), John Neves (bass) and Roy Haynes (drums) at New York's Village Gate. I grew up thinking that Getz only knew how to play "The Girl from Ipanema" with Astrud Gilberto, since you couldn't take an elevator anywhere and not hear them. This record was made in 1961, a year before "Ipanema" was written, so I've been proven wrong. This is classic club jazz, four masters taking their time and doubling down on the music. Getz

EDITOR'S CHOICE

Billy Garrett

Everybody Eats When They Come to My House: Songs of Food and Drink
CD Baby



Generous 17-song collection of food-related songs both obscure and beloved ("Monkey Hips and Rice" could qualify as either, depending on how cool you are), served up as only Beachcomber Music Award Hall of Famer Billy Garrett could. A cover of "The Bacon Song" would have sweetened up this feast a little, but at least you have those great liner notes...

- Chris Manson



Pauseandplay.com – Since 1997, P&P has been the definitive place for music fans to find out when a new album is coming out. Also stay up on the latest reissues and music-related DVD/Blu-rays and books. Elton John says he uses Pauseandplay.com to keep track of new music, and *Entertainment Weekly* has included it on its list of "The 100 Greatest Web Sites," one of only 17 music sites to be selected.

Relive the Summer of Love with EC Theatre Company July 12

Peace. Love. Music. Tune into the music of the '60s and take a musical journey with Emerald Coast Theatre Company (ECTC).

On Friday, **July 12**, at 7:30 PM, ECTC converts its performance space at 560 Grand Boulevard in Miramar Beach into a psychedelic music hall for a special one-night-only performance of **'67 The Summer of Love Show** starring New York-based entertainment duo **Jordan Wolfe** and **Michelle Dowdy**.

Some say 1967 was the greatest year ever for music. They called it "The Summer of Love." Now, Jordan and Michelle lovingly recreate the iconic songs that exploded across the airwaves that incredible summer. This energetic tribute will pay homage to the Beatles, Janis, Hendrix and many more.

"They rock, they belt, they harmonize, and breathe new life into the songs no one will ever forget," says ECTC producing artistic director **Nathanael Fisher**. "If you love classic rock music, this is one special summer evening you will not want to miss."

Ms. Dowdy is a MAC Award winner and a nightlife favorite who first took New York by storm as Tracy Turnblad in the Broadway production of *Hairspray*, racking up over 400 performances. She has gone on to play the role internationally and with Dallas Theatre Center.

She also co-conceived and starred in the West Coast premiere of the circus/burlesque musical extravaganza *The Girlie Show*. Her acclaimed 2014 solo album *A Brass Act* is available on Spotify, Apple Music, etc.

Mr. Wolfe is an actor-singer as well as a composer and arranger. His New York credits include lead



Jordan Wolfe and Michelle Dowdy.

roles at New York Classical Theatre, Musicals Tonight, Theatre for a New City, Prospect Theatre, The Duke Theatre on 42nd, Theater Row and NYMF.

He was recently in the original Off-Broadway casts of two acclaimed new musicals, *Neurosis* and *Night of the Living Dead: The Musical*, which he also wrote. Wolfe has appeared on stage at more than 15

regional theaters, and his TV credits include *Law & Order* and PBS' *S.P.L.A.S.H.*

Tickets are \$40 per person. Proceeds will benefit ECTC's \$125,000 capital campaign. Purchase tickets online at **EmeraldCoastTheatre.org** or call the box office at 850-684-0323.

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WILL & LINDA, 4:30 PM (Bimini Stage)
CHASIN’ JAYMIE, 6 PM (Tiki Stage)
DJ BOOM, 8 PM
JAMNATION, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
CHRIS HAYES, 5-9 PM

AL’S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM
JAMEL BOAST, 5-9 PM
Beach Luau Party

THE BOATHOUSE, Destin
SHENANIGANS, 8 PM

CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 PM

CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Destin, 850-837-2627
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
CAT RHODES & THE TRUTH, 7 PM

GOATFEATHERS, Santa Rosa Beach
HOPE GIVEN, 5-8 PM

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
MAX McCANN, 5-8 PM

HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin, HarborWalkVillage.com
ELI HANNON AND THE MANLY HERO, 7-9 PM
Independence Day on the Harbor...fireworks and fire spinning show at 9.

HAVANA BEACH BAR AND GRILL, Rosemary Beach
MICHAEL RORAH, 6:30-10:30 PM

JETTY EAST, Destin
ROB ROMANS, 6 PM

THE LANDING, Fort Walton Beach
MILES FLATT BAND, 6-8 PM

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
HOWLIN’ JACK, 5 PM

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD THE SINGING BARTENDER, 7-10 PM

RED FISH TACO, Blue Mountain Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 8-11 PM
Ladies Night

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com
CHERYL JONES, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
BILL GARRETT, 8 PM-Midnight

30AVENUE, Inlet Beach
12ELEVEN, 6-9 PM

VINNY McGUIRE’S, Destin
BOB CUSHING, 6 PM

FRIDAY, JULY 5

AJ’S, Destin
GOOD ‘NUFF, 4:30 PM (Bimini Stage)
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6 PM (Tiki Stage)
DJ BOOM, 8 PM
JAMNATION, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)

THE BEACH HOUSE, Miramar Beach
ROB ROMANS, 6 PM

ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS, Fort Walton Beach
CAT RHODES & THE TRUTH, 4 PM
First Friday Comedy, 9 PM-Midnight

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
CADILLAC WILLY, 8 PM

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
DAVID GAUTREAU, 5-8 PM

HAVANA BEACH BAR AND GRILL, Rosemary Beach
MICHAEL RORAH, 6:30-10:30 PM

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
COCONUT RADIO, 5 PM

MODICA MARKET, Seaside
THE STEENOS, 5-7 PM

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
LUCKY STRIKE RETROS, 7:30-10:30 PM

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

SUNDESTIN RESORT, Destin
BRANDON DAY, 1-5 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

30AVENUE, Inlet Beach
JOHN HART PROJECT, 6-9 PM

VINNY McGUIRE’S, Destin
BOB CUSHING, 6 PM

SATURDAY, JULY 6

AJ’S, Destin
WILL & LINDA, 4:30 PM (Bimini Stage)
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6 PM (Tiki Stage)
DJ SERPENT, 8 PM
JAMNATION, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)
NAKD, 10 PM (Live Street Party Concert)

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
BRANDON DAY, 1-5 PM

AL’S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM
OUTSHINE, 8-11:59 PM

BAYTOWNE MARINA BAR AND GRILL, Village of Baytowne Wharf
HOWLIN’ JACK, 6-9 PM

ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS, Fort Walton Beach
TERRY GAYHART, 4-7 PM
JACOB FULLER – CHRIS REID – PHIL TITTLE – DAN WARDEN, 9 PM-Midnight

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
ROSHAMBEATLES, 8 PM

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
“SHANK,” 5-8 PM

HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin, HarborWalkVillage.com
LUKE LANGFORD BAND, 7 PM
Rock the Docks

HAVANA BEACH BAR AND GRILL, Rosemary Beach
MICHAEL RORAH, 6:30-10:30 PM

JIMMY BUFFETT’S MARGARITAVILLE, HarborWalk Village
BOB CUSHING, 6 PM

JIMMY’S JUKEBOX, Fort Walton Beach
STEPHANIE LEIGH HALL, 8 PM

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
PHIL & FOSTER, 5 PM

POMPANO JOE’S, Miramar Beach
ROB ROMANS, 2 PM

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD THE SINGING BARTENDER, 7-10 PM

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 PM (East Bar)

SANDDOLLAR LOUNGE, WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

3RD PLANET BREWERY, Niceville
CASEY KEARNEY, 6 PM

THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, BaytowneWharf.com
STEVIE HALL, 7-10 PM
Baytowne Live

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
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All Female AC/DC Tribute

SUNDAY, JULY 7

AJ’S, Destin
JONES AND COMPANY, 4 PM (Bimini Stage)
DJ DAN DAVIS, 4 PM
JB DYESS, 6 PM (Tiki Stage)
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)

AL’S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM
HORSESHOE KITTY, 8-11:59 PM

CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 AM-Noon

ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS, Fort Walton Beach
HOPE GIVEN, 2-5 PM

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach
DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN – DUKE BARDWELL – SHANNON WALLACE, et al., 11 AM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
Jazz Jam with MATT McCARTY, 6 PM

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
SCOTT ROCKWOOD & SHAWN HARTUNG, 5-8 PM

HOOKS AT THE OTHER END, Destin
ROB ROMANS, 5 PM

LOCAL CATCH, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 4-7 PM
Sunday Funday

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
RONNIE PRESLEY, 5 PM

POMPANO JOE’S, Miramar Beach
BOBBYD, 2-5 PM

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THE STEENOS with FRANKO “WASHBOARD” JACKSON, 11 AM-2 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

TRIPP TIDE TIKI BAR AT THE ISLAND HOTEL, Okaloosa Island
BOB CUSHING, 5 PM

MONDAY, JULY 8

AJ’S, Destin
WILL & LINDA, 4:30 PM (Bimini Stage)
JASON CLARK, 6 PM (Tiki Stage)
DJ SERPENT, 8 PM
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
Blues Jam, 7 PM

GOATFEATHERS, Santa Rosa Beach
HOPE GIVEN, 5-8 PM

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
DRU CARTER, 5-8 PM

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
JIMMY LUMPKIN DUO, 5 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

VINNY McGUIRE’S, Destin
ROB ROMANS, 6 PM

TUESDAY, JULY 9

AJ’S, Destin
JB DYESS, 4:30 PM (Bimini Stage)
CHASING JAYMIE, 6 PM (Tiki Stage)
DJ DAN DAVIS, 8 PM
PANDORA’S BOX: The Ultimate Aerosmith Tribute, 9 PM (Jumbotron Stage)
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)

AL’S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM
MARVIN HOLDMAN, 4-8 PM
Stick around for tonight’s FREE Movie on the Beach at 8.

CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 3-5 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
CAT RHODES & THE TRUTH, 7 PM

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
THE HOODOOS, 5-8 PM

HOG’S BREATH, Destin
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 PM

LA PAZ, Destin, LaPazDestin.com
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM
Taco Tuesday

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
JUSTIN YAWN, 5 PM

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD THE SINGING BARTENDER, 7-10 PM

Live Music

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRISTIAN MAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach
Open Mic Live, 7-10 PM

THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, BaytowneWharf.com
STEVIE HALL, 7-10 PM
Baytowne Live

VINNY McGUIRE’S, Destin
ROB ROMANS, 6 PM

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

AJ’S, Destin
JASON TYLER FINDLEY, 4:30 PM (Bimini Stage)
GOOD ‘NUFF, 6 PM (Tiki Stage)
DJ CHARLES, 8 PM
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
JB DYESS, 5-9 PM

AL’S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM
MYKE VAN NESS, 5-9 PM
Fireworks at 9.

ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS, Fort Walton Beach
Open Mic Night, 7-10 PM

FOKKER’S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
CAT RHODES & THE TRUTH, 7 PM

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
Wailing Wednesday Blues Jam with JOE FINGAS & P-NUT, 9 PM-Midnight

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
JACK GRAHAM, 5-8 PM

HAVANA BEACH BAR AND GRILL, Rosemary Beach
MICHAEL RORAH, 6:30-10:30 PM

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
KYLE BRADY, 5 PM

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
Open Mic Night, 7-10 PM

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

SANDDOLLAR LOUNGE, WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
BILL GARRETT, 8 PM-Midnight

THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, BaytowneWharf.com
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-9 PM
Wednesday Night Concert Series

VINNY McGUIRE’S, Destin
BOB CUSHING, 6 PM

THURSDAY, JULY 11

AJ’S, Destin
WILL & LINDA, 4:30 PM (Bimini Stage)
CHASING JAYMIE, 6 (Tiki Stage)
DJ BOOM, 8 PM
KINGS COUNTY, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
CHRIS HAYES, 5-9 PM

AL’S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM
JAMEL BOAST, 5-9 PM
Beach Luau Party

CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 PM

CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Destin, 850-837-2627
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
TODD SIMPSON / MOJO CHILD, 7 PM

GOATFEATHERS, Santa Rosa Beach
HOPE GIVEN, 5-8 PM

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
MAX McCANN, 5-8 PM

HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin, HarborWalkVillage.com
BRITISH INVASION, 7 PM
Throwback Thursday. Vintage flyover at 6:30, fireworks and fire spinning show at 9.

HAVANA BEACH BAR AND GRILL, Rosemary Beach
MICHAEL RORAH, 6:30-10:30 PM

JETTY EAST, Destin
ROB ROMANS, 6 PM

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
MICHAEL MAGAZZENI, 5 PM

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD THE SINGING BARTENDER, 7-10 PM

RED FISH TACO, Blue Mountain Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 8-11 PM
Ladies Night

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com
CHERYL JONES, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
BILL GARRETT, 8 PM-Midnight

30AVENUE, Inlet Beach
SCOTT ROCKWOOD TRIO, 6-9 PM

THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, BaytowneWharf.com
STEVIE HALL, 7-10 PM
Baytowne Live

VINNY McGUIRE’S, Destin
BOB CUSHING, 6 PM

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
Blues Angel School of Music Rock Recital



FRIDAY, JULY 12

AJ’S, Destin
GOOD ‘NUFF, 4:30 PM (Bimini Stage)
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6 PM (Tiki Stage)
DJ BOOM, 8 PM
KINGS COUNTY, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)

AL’S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM
HORSESHOE KITTY, 8-11:59 PM

ELKS, Okaloosa Island
BOBBYD, 7-10 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
TODD SIMPSON / MOJO CHILD, 8 PM

GRAND BOULEVARD, Miramar Beach
JORDAN & MICHELLE’S “’67 The Summer of Love Show,” 7:30 PM
Tickets are \$40 per person and benefit Emerald Coast Theatre Company. To purchase tickets, visit EmeraldCoastTheatre.org or call 850-684-0323.

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
JACK GRAHAM, 5-8 PM

HAVANA BEACH BAR AND GRILL, Rosemary Beach
MICHAEL RORAH, 6:30-10:30 PM

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
LEFTY COLLINS, 5 PM

MODICA MARKET, Seaside
THE STEENOS, 5-7 PM

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
TBA, 7:30-10:30 PM

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

SUNDESTIN RESORT, Destin
BRANDON DAY, 1-5 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

30AVENUE, Inlet Beach
THE HOODOOS, 6-9 PM

VINNY McGUIRE’S, Destin
BOB CUSHING, 6 PM

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
SET IT OFF

SATURDAY, JULY 13

AJ’S, Destin
WILL & LINDA, 4:30 PM (Bimini Stage)
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6 PM (Tiki Stage)
DJ BOOM, 8 PM
KINGS COUNTY, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)
HORSESHOE KITTY, 10 PM (Live Street Party Concert)

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
BRANDON DAY, 1-5 PM

AL’S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM
THE HOODOOS, 8-11:59 PM

ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS, Fort Walton Beach
MARI GLEASON, 4-7 PM
SHANE R. JOHNS, 9 PM-Midnight

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
The Top Underrated Tour, 9 PM

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
ROB ROMANS, 5-8 PM

HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin, HarborWalkVillage.com
TBA, 7 PM
Rock the Docks

HAVANA BEACH BAR AND GRILL, Rosemary Beach
MICHAEL RORAH, 6:30-10:30 PM

JIMMY BUFFETT’S MARGARITAVILLE, HarborWalk Village
BOB CUSHING, 6 PM

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
RICK WILSON, 5 PM

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 PM (East Bar)

SANDDOLLAR LOUNGE, WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

3RD PLANET BREWERY, Niceville
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 6-9 PM

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
CHRIS THOMAS KING

SUNDAY, JULY 14

AJ’S, Destin
JONES AND COMPANY, 4 PM (Bimini Stage)
JB DYESS, 6 PM (Tiki Stage)
DJ DAN DAVIS, 8 PM
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)

AL’S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 PM

CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 AM-Noon

ENLIGHTENED STUDIOS, Fort Walton Beach
HOPE GIVEN, 2-5 PM

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach
DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN – DUKE BARDWELL – SHANNON WALLACE, et al., 11 AM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
Jazz Jam with MATT McCARTY, 6 PM

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
SCOTT ROCKWOOD & SHAWN HARTUNG, 5-8 PM

HOOKS AT THE OTHER END, Destin
ROB ROMANS, 5 PM

LOCAL CATCH, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 4-7 PM
Sunday Funday

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
CADILLAC ATTACK, 5 PM

POMPANO JOE’S, Miramar Beach
BOBBYD, 2-5 PM

STINKY’S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach
THE STEENOS with FRANKO “WASHBOARD” JACKSON, 11 AM-2 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

TRIPP TIDE TIKI BAR AT THE ISLAND HOTEL, Okaloosa Island
BOB CUSHING, 5 PM

MONDAY, JULY 15

AJ’S, Destin
WILL & LINDA, 4:30 PM (Bimini Stage)
JASON CLARK, 6 PM (Tiki Stage)
DJ SERPENT, 8 PM
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
Blues Jam, 7 PM

GOATFEATHERS, Santa Rosa Beach
HOPE GIVEN, 5-8 PM

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
CHRIS WILLMAN, 5-8 PM

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
BOUKOU GROOVE, 5 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

VINNY McGUIRE’S, Destin
BOB CUSHING, 6 PM

TUESDAY, JULY 16

AJ’S, Destin
JB DYESS, 4:30 PM (Bimini Stage)
CHASING JAYMIE, 6 PM (Tiki Stage)
DJ DAN DAVIS, 8 PM
LARGER THAN LIFE Boy Band Tribute, 9 PM (Jumbotron Stage)
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)

AL’S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM
MARVIN HOLDMAN, 4-8 PM
Stick around for tonight’s FREE Movie on the Beach at 8.

CAMILLE’S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 3-5 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
CAT RHODES & THE TRUTH, 7 PM

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
THE HOODOOS, 5-8 PM

HOG’S BREATH, Destin
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 PM

LA PAZ, Destin, LaPazDestin.com
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 PM
Taco Tuesday

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
ALBERT SIMPSON, 5 PM

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRISTIAN MAYES, 8 PM-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach
Open Mic Live, 7-10 PM

THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, BaytowneWharf.com
STEVIE HALL, 7-10 PM
Baytowne Live

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
BUILT TO SPILL
Keep It Like a Secret Tour

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

AJ’S, Destin
JASON TYLER FINDLEY, 4:30 PM (Bimini Stage)
GOOD ‘NUFF, 6 PM (Tiki Stage)
DJ CHARLES, 8 PM
BLACK EYED BLONDE, 9:30 PM (Bimini Stage)

AJ’S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
JB DYESS, 5-9 PM

AL’S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR, Okaloosa Island, ALSBEACHCLUB.COM
BEACH BOSS, 5-9 PM
Fireworks at 9.

FOKKER’S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 PM

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
CAT RHODES & THE TRUTH, 7 PM

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
Wailing Wednesday Blues Jam with JOE FINGAS & P-NUT, 9 PM-Midnight

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
JACK GRAHAM, 5-8 PM

HAVANA BEACH BAR AND GRILL, Rosemary Beach
MICHAEL RORAH, 6:30-10:30 PM

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
ALBERT SIMPSON, 5 PM

REDD’S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
Open Mic Night, 7-10 PM

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, RuthsChrisDestin.com
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 PM (Courtyard)
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6:30-9 PM (Main Bar and Dining Room)

SANDDOLLAR LOUNGE, WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 PM

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
BILL GARRETT, 8 PM-Midnight

THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, BaytowneWharf.com
THE SHAKEDOWN, 7-9 PM
Wednesday Night Concert Series



Stephanie Leigh Hall

PET OF THE ISSUE

Chip

Submitted by Brandon Day

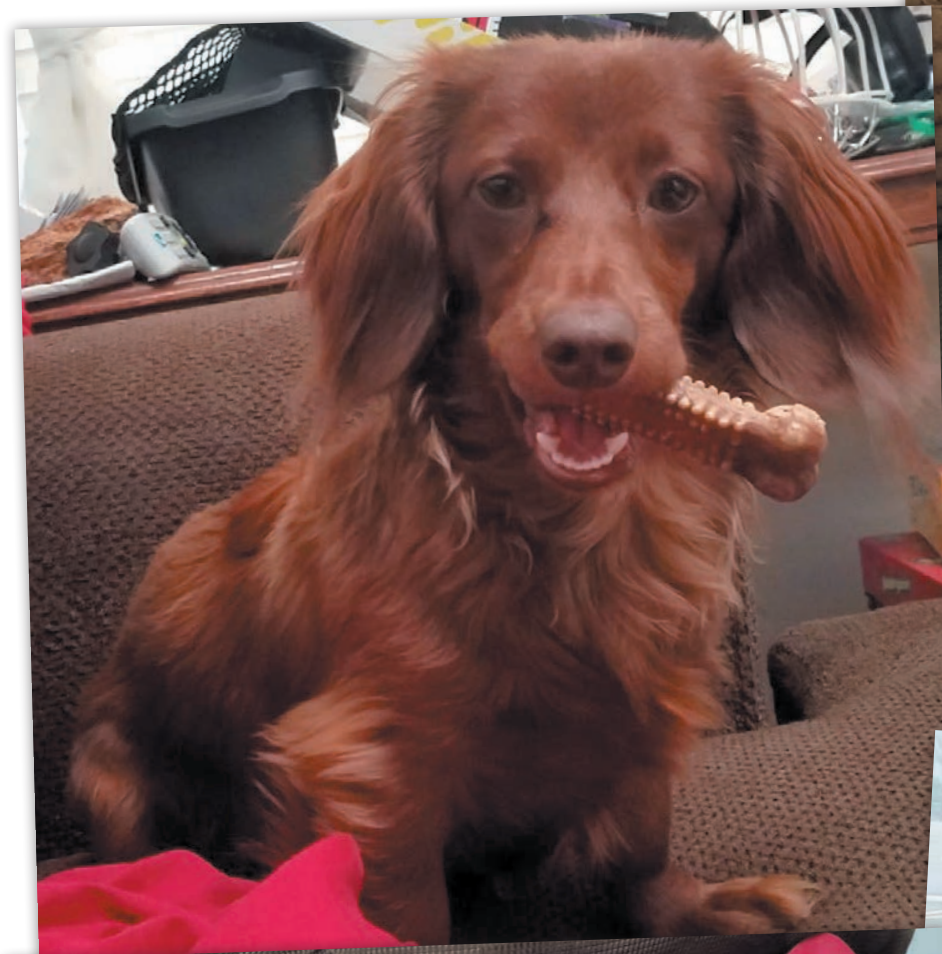
Chip was born August 1, 2018, the same day Brandon's first dachshund Nugget (a previous Beachcomber Pet of the Issue) passed away.

"I wasn't going to get another doggy so soon, but I went to visit (my friend's) new puppies, and Chip and I had an instant connection," Brandon says. "He's been my best friend since that day."

Nicknamed Chips 'n Dip, the full breed dachshund "lives for treats, walks and sleeping in a bed every night." He also loves playing fetch with his toys and eating ice. And he has what his daddy has diagnosed as "a chicken jerky addiction."



ABOVE: The Sexiest Dog in Beachcomberland.



LEFT: "Chip loves car rides," Brandon says. "He keeps his face right on the air conditioner vent."



Submit your best friend(s) for a future Pet of the Issue feature! Email chris@beachcomberdestin.com.

Events

All information is subject to change. Please refer to the contact numbers and/or emails/websites for up-to-the-minute details. Send us your July 18 and beyond events by 5 PM Thursday, July 11, or they will not be in our next issue. Please submit events in the format used here. Photos welcome. Email chris@beachcomberdestin.com.

THURSDAY, JULY 4

CITY OF FORT WALTON BEACH JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

The Landing, 4-10 PM
FWB.org
The FREE event includes kids’ activities, live music (**Horseshoe Kitty** at 4 PM, followed by **Miles Flatt** at 6:30), and fireworks (at 8:45 PM). Concessions will be available for purchase throughout the evening. Call 850-833-9576 for more info.

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

HarborWalk Village, Destin, 7-10 PM
HarborWalkVillage.com
Live music from **Eli Hannon and the Manly Hero** (7-9 PM), fireworks (9 PM), and a fire spinning show (9:15 PM). Celebrate Independence Day on the Destin Harbor!

HARBOR DOCKS: 40 YEARS OF FOOD, FISHING, FAMILY & FUN!

Harbor Docks, 4-10 PM
HarborDocks.com



Live music from Beachcomber Music Award winners **Austin Jennings** (4-8) and **Cadillac Willy** (8 til ?), fireworks show at 9, special 1979 menu items and pricing, \$1 Budweisers and more. FREE to attend and family friendly.

Harbor Docks was founded in 1979 by Charles Morgan, five years before Destin would become an incorporated municipality. Throughout the years, the cottage expanded significantly, with the addition of two buildings and the seafood market. The restaurant remains in the original location, right on the Destin Harbor. The walls are lined with unique treasures—photos, stories, awards, prize fish and other precious

relics that have taken place over the past 40 years.

A family-owned business, Harbor Docks is centered not only on fresh local seafood, but also the loyal staff who have given a part of their lives towards making the restaurant what it is today. Harbor Docks has five employees that have been a part of the team for over 30 years, three employees that have over 20 years tenure, and three with over 10 years. The staff members are and always will be a part of the restaurant’s story.

Harbor Docks has built a tradition of bringing the community together through more than just the dinner table. They have hosted their annual auction and golf tournament for over 30 years to help raise funds for their annual Take a Kid Fishing Day, which has allowed a total of over 7,000 local children to experience a day on a charter fishing fleet, learning about a very important historic and economic aspect of Destin.

Each year for Thanksgiving, the team comes together to cook an incredible holiday feast, open to the public at no charge. Many community members graciously donate to support local charities that are dear to the Harbor Docks team, like Destin Harvest and Habitat for Humanity.

In 2018, Charles officially passed the reigns of the restaurant to his oldest son Eddie, who plans to carry on the family tradition. Eddie had been fully managing the restaurant for several years, but the father-son team made it official when Charles sold the restaurant to Eddie last year.

“I grew up in the restaurant, and it truly feels like home to me. So, I’m honored to continue the tradition that my father started,” says Eddie Morgan. “Destin has changed a lot over the years and will continue to. But Harbor Docks will still be here in the heart of the Destin—too many people, it is the heart of Destin.”

Harbor Docks is also planning another anniversary event for the fall. Stay tuned...

- Whitney Lee

MAGICAL THURSDAY

The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 7-9 PM
BaytowneWharf.com
A magic adventure with **Captain Davy**.

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET

Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7 AM-2 PM
850-689-5850
Locally grown produce and more.

RED, WHITE & BAYTOWNE

The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 6-9 PM
BaytowneWharf.com
Lawn games, inflatables, kids’ crafts, face painting, live music (starting at 7), and fireworks (at 9:15).

FRIDAY, JULY 5

FREE FITNESS ON THE LAWN: ORANGE THEORY FIT CAMP

The Market Shops, Miramar Beach, 9 AM
TheMarketShops.com

SATURDAY, JULY 6

GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS MARKET

Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, 9 AM-1 PM
GrandBoulevard.com

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET

Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7 AM-2 PM
850-689-5850
Locally grown produce and more.

SEASIDE FARMERS MARKET

Seaside, 8 AM
SeasideFL.com

SUNDAY, JULY 7

30A FARMERS MARKET

Rosemary Beach, 9 AM-1 PM
Satisfying salts, teas, spices, blends and more.

MONDAY, JULY 8

FREE FITNESS ON THE LAWN: PURE BARRE

The Market Shops, Miramar Beach, 5:30 PM
TheMarketShops.com

HYDROFLIGHT MONDAY

The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 6:30 and 8:30 PM
BaytowneWharf.com
Fly board extraordinaire **Ben Merrell** soars over the lagoon.

TUESDAY, JULY 9

BOOMIN’ TUESDAYS

The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 7-9:30 PM
BaytowneWharf.com
Lawn games and inflatables in the Events Plaza, followed by a breathtaking fireworks show at 9:15.

FAT TUESDAY PARADE

HarborWalk Village, Destin, 6:30 PM
HarborWalkVillage.com
HarborWalk lets the good times roll with dazzling floats, colorful costumes, street performers, beads and swag, and live music from **Fais Do Do**.

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET

Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7 AM-2 PM
850-689-5850
Locally grown produce and more.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

FIREWORKS!

The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, 9 PM
Brought to you by the fine folks at *Beachcomber* *among others.*

LADIES’ NIGHT

Camille’s at Crystal Beach, Destin
www.CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
Half off drinks for the ladies! Two bucks off sushi rolls!

THURSDAY, JULY 11

MAGICAL THURSDAY

The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 7-9 PM
BaytowneWharf.com
A magic adventure with **Captain Davy**.

“MINGLING AND MARGS”

La Cocina, Seacrest Beach, 5:30-7 PM
Young Professionals of Walton County invites members and non-members to its July networking event. RSVP to **ypwaltoncounty.com/events**.

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET

Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7 AM-2 PM
850-689-5850
Locally grown produce and more.

PADDLE ON LAKE POWELL

Camp Helen State Park, Panama City Beach, 9-11 AM
850-233-5059
Learn about the history, natural communities and wildlife that make the largest Coastal Dune Lake in North America so unique and important. Fee for single kayak is \$30, tandem kayak \$40—space is limited, so call for reservations. Bring sun protection and drinking water.

HROWBACK THURSDAY

HarborWalk Village, Destin, 7-9 PM
HarborWalkVillage.com



British Invasion performs on the main stage, followed by fireworks and fire spinning show at 9.

FRIDAY, JULY 12

FREE FITNESS ON THE LAWN: ORANGE THEORY FIT CAMP

The Market Shops, Miramar Beach, 9 AM
TheMarketShops.com



The Sandestin Foundation for Kids was recently presented with a check for \$22,500, thanks to the success of this year’s Sandestin Wine Festival. From left—Troy Sjoström, operations manager, Village of Baytowne Wharf; Brooke Windham, Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort; Sara Becnel, Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort vice-president of development and co-trustee of the Sandestin Foundation for Kids; Leighann Elliott, events manager, Village of Baytowne Wharf; and Alan Myers, executive director, Village of Baytowne Wharf. Photo submitted by Aleis Tusa.

Events

ONEBLOOD DRIVE

The Market Shops, Miramar Beach, 10 AM-3 PM
OneBlood.org
Donors will also receive a OneBlood t-shirt, a FREE mini iced cinnamon biscuit from Maple Street Biscuit Company, a kid’s scoop of ice cream from Ben & Jerry’s, 10 percent off a purchase at Clean Juice, and a FREE sample along with 50 percent off any drink from AMavida Coffee Roasters.

SATURDAY, JULY 13

DISCOVER SCIENCE SATURDAY
Emerald Coast Science Center, Fort Walton Beach, 10 AM-1:30 PM
ECSscience.org
Enjoy Science of Art pop-up stations til noon, then check out the SMALLab exhibit from noon to 1 PM. Plus—arts and crafts in the Uniquely Clever bus in the parking lot (separate fee from EC Science Center admission).

General admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and kids, FREE for members and kids aged 2 and younger. Military and local discounts available.

GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS MARKET
Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, 9 AM-1 PM
GrandBoulevard.com

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET
Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7 AM-2 PM
850-689-5850
Locally grown produce and more.

SEASIDE FARMERS MARKET
Seaside, 8 AM
SeasideFL.com

SUNDAY, JULY 14

30A FARMERS MARKET
Rosemary Beach, 9 AM-1 PM
Satisfying salts, teas, spices, blends and more.

MONDAY, JULY 15

FREE FITNESS ON THE LAWN: PURE BARRE
The Market Shops, Miramar Beach, 5:30 PM
TheMarketShops.com

HYDROFLIGHT MONDAY
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BaytowneWharf.com
Fly board extraordinaire **Ben Merrell** soars over the lagoon.

TUESDAY, JULY 16

BOOMIN’ TUESDAYS
The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 7-9:30 PM
BaytowneWharf.com
Lawn games and inflatables in the Events Plaza, followed by a breathtaking fireworks show at 9:15.

FAT TUESDAY PARADE
HarborWalk Village, Destin, 6:30 PM
HarborWalkVillage.com
HarborWalk lets the good times roll with dazzling floats, colorful costumes, street performers, beads and swag, and live music from **Fais Do Do**.

OKALOOSA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET
Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Beach, 7 AM-2 PM
850-689-5850
Locally grown produce and more.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

FIREWORKS!
The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, 9 PM
Brought to you by the fine folks at *Beachcomber* *among others.*

LADIES’ NIGHT
Camille’s at Crystal Beach, Destin
www.CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
Half off drinks for the ladies! Two bucks off sushi rolls!

THURSDAY, JULY 18

SPACE IN THE STREET
Emerald Coast Science Center, Fort Walton Beach, 4-7 PM
ECSscience.org
Get galactic with hands-on space activities to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Apollo moon landing. Explore Earth and our solar system from the museum’s parking lot. Admission is FREE for this event.

Want to travel through space? Be sure to register for Planetarium Nights that evening at 5, 6, or 7 PM. Cost is \$9 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$7 for children, FREE for members.

MONDAY, AUG. 26

BEACHCOMBER MUSIC AWARDS, CHAPTER 11
Al’s Beach Club & Burger Bar, Okaloosa Island
Honoring the area’s musicmakers, with live performances by **Finga FAYA, Jessie Ritter, Chris Hayes, Bob Cushing, Brandon Day** and more.

SUNDAY, OCT. 13

30A HALF MARATHON & 5K
Scenic Highway 30A
Register at **30Ahalf.com**. Deadline is **Sept. 28** for all runners.



Renee Pellegrino is the Emerald Coast Children’s Advocacy Center’s newest board member. Ms. Pellegrino has served on ECCAC’s Gala & Golf committee, and her community involvement has revolved around area school and athletic fundraising. She was an active and then sustaining member of the Junior League in three states for 16 years.
Photo submitted by Kay Phelan.



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FAITH ASSEMBLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH Sunday worship services: 8:45 and 11 AM Nursery and children's church is available. Wednesday bible study at 7 PM Located at 306 S. Geronimo St. in Miramar Beach, three blocks west of Silver Sands Outlet Mall. 850-837-7561.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SEAGROVE Sunday services at 10 AM and Wednesdays at 6 PM 4915 E Hwy. 30A, Seagrove, 850-231-2884.

GATHERING 151 Eglin Pkwy NE, Fort Walton Beach. comegather.com.

GOOD NEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sunday services 8:45 AM (traditional worship) and 10 AM (contemporary worship). 4747 U.S. 98 West, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-622-9191.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Sunday worship service, 9:30 AM Sunday school for kids, confirmation class for youth, and adult bible study, 10:45 AM 4325 Commons Drive, Destin, 850-654-1679.

HOPE ON THE BEACH Beach worship at 8 AM at Ed Walline Beach, across from Gulf Place; and at Inlet Beach, at the Orange Street beach access. Worship at 9:30 AM at Shunk Gulley Oyster Bar, on the corner of 393 and 30A. And worship at 11 AM at our 98 Church Campus, at 3834 U.S. 98 W, Santa Rosa Beach. For more information, call 850-267-0322 or email pastorj@hopeonthebeach.org.

ISLAMIC DA AWA CENTER OF FWB 6 Hollywood Blvd. SW, Fort Walton Beach, 850-664-0373, lavidaeterna.org.

KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES 216 Jonquil Avenue NW, Fort Walton Beach.

MOSSY HEAD CHURCH OF CHRIST 657 Deshazo Road, Crestview, 850-951-0434, mossyheadchurchofchrist.com.

NAVARRE BEACHSIDE CHURCH Nondenominational Christian church service meets outdoors every Sunday at 9 AM in the Navarre Beach parking lot, located at 8579 Gulf Boulevard. Children's church provided, pets always welcome. Look for the white tents. 850-939-1533, www.navarrebeachchurch.com.

NICEVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST Sunday bible study at 9 AM, worship at 10 AM. Sunday evening service, 5 PM. Mid-week bible study Wednesdays at 7 PM. 801 John Sims Parkway East, Niceville. 850-678-2911.

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH Saturday vigil mass, 5 PM; Sunday masses, 8 and 10:30 AM; Daily liturgies, Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM; Holy Days of Obligation, 8:30 AM and 6 PM; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Fridays, 9-10 AM; Confessions, Saturdays, 4-4:45 PM or by appointment. 259 Miramar Beach Dr., Destin, 850-837-0358.

SAFE HARBOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sunday school at 9:30 AM, worship service at 10:30. 801 Airport Road, Destin, 850-837-2133.

SAINT RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH Saturday Vigil mass at 5:30 PM year round. Sunday services at 8 AM, 10 AM and 5 PM Holy Day services, call the office please. 137 Moll Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, just off U.S. 98. 850-267-2558. www.saintritaeparish.org.

SANTA ROSA COMMUNITY CHURCH Interdenominational service 10 AM Sundays. 3524 Hwy. 98W, 850-267-7599.

SHORELINE CHURCH Non-denominational Sunday services at 8:30, 10 and 11:30 AM Check out our new location at 140 Palmetto Street in Destin, in the old Nighttown building. www.shorelinechurch.net.

ST. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH Service at 10 AM Sundays. 307 Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-650-2737

ST. MARKELLA & DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH Sunday service at 10 AM 400 Hwy. 98E, Mary Esther, 850-244-0822.

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Hurricane Michael Over Six Months Later: Stephanie's Story



Stephanie stands in the skeleton of her house.

By Carrie Hunter

It's May 2019, over six months after Hurricane Michael in Panama City.

Stephanie, a young mother of three, walks through her gutted house. Rafters and beams are exposed. There is a bare concrete floor beneath her feet. The roof of her house was replaced and most of the damaged drywall was removed. There is no furniture, family photos, or children's toys laying around and no electricity or plumbing. To Stephanie, the house no longer feels like a home.

Her husband is at work, and her children are with her sister while she visits the house surveying the damage. Stephanie is a dance teacher and her husband Anthony works at a credit center. Most people would consider them a stable, middle class family that did most things right. They own their own home, have insurance, and provide well for their children. When Hurricane Michael hit, they evacuated.

When Stephanie returned, at first she thought they had been spared. The outside of the house looked okay, but on entering, they saw a hole was torn in the roof. Water, insulation, and debris collapsed the ceiling over their living room and kitchen.

The good news was that their insurance helped the entire family move into a small condo on the beach. Panama City was badly damaged, but just over the bridge the beach area was barely touched. This became the haven for many families in the months after the storm.

Seven people were squeezed in tight into three rooms, but considered themselves lucky compared to the families nearby living in tents. Stephanie still takes her children to dance and martial arts classes each week to keep a sense of normalcy for her girls while they wait for contractors to fix their house.

Insurance covered six months of rent, which they believed would be enough. But in May, that money ran out, and they are still waiting for an electrician to become available. At the same time, tourists flood into Panama City Beach causing the rent to triple. This has left many families without anywhere to go. Most of the affordable housing was destroyed during the storm and hasn't been rebuilt. The cheap motels that lined Highway 98 are mostly gone, unlikely to be fixed anytime soon.

Tomorrow, Stephanie will pack up her belongings and move for the fifth time to a different condo. This is required because anyone who stays longer than a month becomes a long-term renter, which is against most agreements in tourist areas. Stephanie looks at options like buying a camper trailer or renting an apartment. The costs of all the options of housing in the area are inflated so high that it feels like it will break their finances.

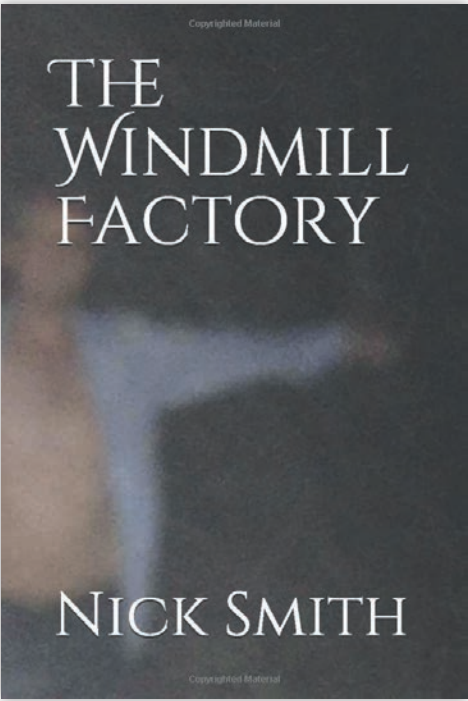
A month later, Stephanie and Anthony are able to rent a camper trailer from a friend. They now live in the driveway of their house. It is still unfinished, but the electrical company has started working.

Author Spotlight: Nick Smith

In **Nick Smith’s** new thriller *The Windmill Factory*, Paul Humber uses his psychic powers to help the police but finds his life and sanity threatened by a killer who makes his worst nightmares a reality. Paul can rewind the memories of dead people but he’d rather have a drink.

When his cop friend Mike asks for help investigating a series of murders, Paul hits the bottle and follows the trail of a neurosurgeon who tampers with his patients’ dreams. Paul’s life gets more complicated when he falls for Mike’s girlfriend, who might be psychic herself.

Mr. Smith is a bestselling author and award-winning filmmaker originally from the UK. He lives in Fort Walton Beach and works in Inlet Beach. He began his creative career as a writer and researcher for the BBC in the mid-’90s.



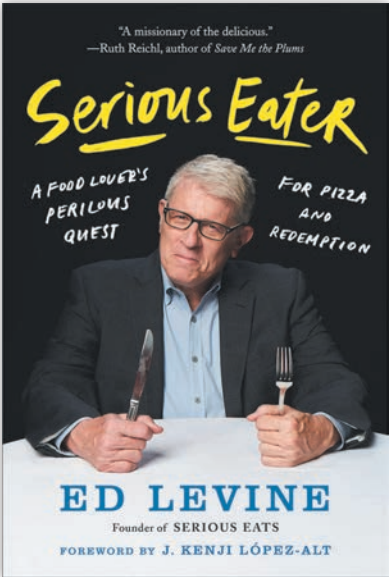
He is the author of the bestseller *Milk Treading*, which was featured on NPR and translated into Italian. He also adapted *Milk Treading* as an Edinburgh Fringe play. His other books include *Undead on Arrival*, *Eat Happy*, *The Age of Endarkenment*, *Scriptwriting: The Secrets Unleashed* and *The Kitty Killer Cult*.

Mr. Smith is also a filmmaker (the feature-length movie *Cold Soldiers* is currently being distributed by Maverick Entertainment) and television and film actor. A founding member of the Film School Scotland and a committee member for Emerald Coast Film, Mr. Smith has lectured at colleges and film programs in Europe and the United States.

The Windmill Factory is available now in paperback.

Recommended Reading

Ed Levine
Serious Eater
Portfolio/Penguin

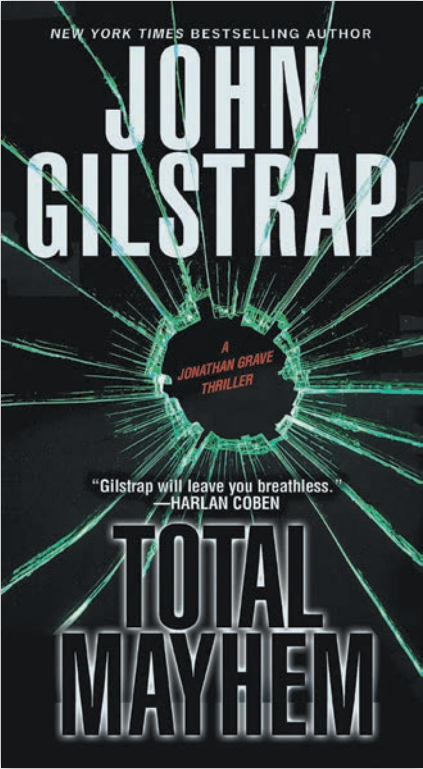


New York food writer Ed Levine has been called “the missionary of the delicious,” and the title fits. His tastes are broad, from fast food burgers to pizza and obscure ethnic delicacies to cutting-edge gastronomy. His online blog/forum “Serious Eats” was a pacesetter, and *Serious Eater* is the chronicle of its rise (and near fall), and Levine’s efforts to secure investors and an eventual buyer.

Interspersed with nerve-wracking stories of deals gone sour (I lost count) are recipes and thumbnail sketches of Ed’s favorite restaurants and memorable dishes. Have your favorite pizzeria on speed-dial when you read this. Trust me.

- Bruce Collier

EDITOR’S CHOICE
John Gilstrap
Total Mayhem
Kensington Books



The shit hits the fan, and once again Jonathan Grave and his team hit back. Hard. Mr. Gilstrap’s series keeps getting better and better, and you best hold off on reading the excerpt from the next installment until it gets closer to get-a-copy-in-your-hands time.

- Chris Manson

Book Clubs

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

ALL ABOUT BOOKS
Mary Esther Public Library, 10 AM
850-243-5731

THURSDAY, JULY 18

ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
The Art Center, Fort Walton Beach, 5-6 PM
Artsdesignsociety.org
The group meets in the clay studio to talk about Steven Pressfield’s *War of Art: Break Through the Blocks and Win Your Inner Creative Battles*. All are welcome to attend.

THURSDAY, JULY 25

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB
Mary Esther Public Library, 3:30 PM
850-243-5731

Upcoming Books

JULY 9

- Ace Atkins, *The Shameless***
- Steven M. Gillon, *America’s Reluctant Prince: The Life of John F. Kennedy Jr.***
- Summer Heacock, *Crashing the A-List***
- Kentaro Miura, *Berserk Deluxe Volume 2***
- Jo Nesbo, *Knife: A New Harry Hole Novel***
- Summer Rayne Oakes, *How to Make a Plant Love You: Cultivate Green Space in Your Home and Heart***
- Lisa Taddeo, *Three Women***

JULY 16

- Linda Castillo, *Shamed: A Kate Burkholder Novel***
- Jasmine Guillory, *The Wedding Party*. Paperback.**
- Debbie Macomber, *Window on the Bay***
- BJ Miller, MD and Shoshana Berger, *A Beginner’s Guide to the End: Practical Advice for Living Life and Facing Death***
- Jerry Remy and Nick Cafardo, *If These Walls Could Talk: Boston Red Sox*. Paperback.**
- Colson Whitehead, *The Nickel Boys: A Novel***

Sources: Amazon.com, Netgalley.com



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| | Sunset | 7:49pm | High 10:56am |
| | Moon | 99% | Low 10:05pm |

Movies + TV

Fifth Time's a Charm...or Is It?

Black Mirror Season 5

Netflix

The biggest issue leading up to season five of *Black Mirror*? Season four was so phenomenally incredible that it set a very high bar. The new episodes aren't bad—they're well-acted, well-written and interesting pieces of entertainment. But they just can't clear that bar.

The first episode is "Striking Vipers," a continuation of common *Black Mirror* themes about virtual reality and our virtual selves becoming a priority over our real selves.

Next is "Smithereens," which deals with those same themes and our reliance on social media. It's a glimpse into how the constant distraction can shape the entire course of our existence.

It closes with "Rachel, Jack, and Ashley Too," the most talked-about because it centers on Miley Cyrus nearly lampooning herself. It's an interesting take on the music industry and how a lack of authenticity could grow into a much darker problem. It's left some Nine Inch Nails fans upset over the use of "Head Like A Hole"—or, more truthfully, Cyrus singing it. (For the record, NIN's Trent Reznor, by way of *Black Mirror* creator Charlie Brooker, expressed approval of the episode.)

Overall, season five isn't the failure that a lot of people want to make it out to be. It just lacks some of those surprise endings we've come to expect...or maybe that's the twist all along?

OPENING SOON IN THEATERS

JULY 2

Spider-Man: Far from Home. Spidey teams up with Nick Fury (Samuel L. Jackson) to stop mysterious creatures from wreaking havoc.

JULY 12

Stuber. Kumali Nanjiani as an Uber driver who gets caught up with cops and criminals.

JULY 19

The Lion King. Disney's latest live action redo.

Source: Metacritic.com

UPCOMING DVD/BLU-RAY/VOD RELEASES

JULY 9

Little. Regina Hall, Marsal Martin.

Pet Sematary. From the deranged mind of Stephen King.

JULY 16

Ash Is Purest White. It's a mob story *and* a love story!
Breakthrough. A faithful mother offers up thoughts and prayers for her drowning victim son.

Shazam! Billy Batson gets in touch with his superhero side.

Source: Metacritic.com



When the series debuted, the idea of some of these newfangled technologies felt shiny and new. As technology advances and becomes more accessible, it becomes harder for a series like *Black Mirror* to stay so far ahead of that invisible curve.

Is season five worth watching? Absolutely. Will the episodes linger as much in your psyche as previous seasons? Possibly not. But for musicians or those connected to the music industry, the third episode speaks to much larger issues of the commercialization of art and reclaiming our voices.

- Nikki Hedrick

LOCAL FILM SCREENINGS

MONDAY, JULY 8

FREE MONDAY MOVIE NIGHT

HarborWalk Village, Destin, 8 PM

HarborWalkVillage.com

Bring the family for a screening of *Despicable Me* on the main stage. Onsite parking is \$10.

TUESDAY, JULY 9

FREE FAMILY MOVIES ON THE BEACH

Al's Beach Club & Burger Bar, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, 8 PM

ALSBEACHCLUB.COM/MOVIE NIGHT

FREE showing of *Beauty and the Beast*.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

"MOANA"

Camp Helen State Park, Panama City Beach, 6 PM

Movies, food and fun for the entire family.

MONDAY, JULY 15

FREE MONDAY MOVIE NIGHT

HarborWalk Village, Destin, 8 PM

HarborWalkVillage.com

Bring the family for a screening of *Tinkerbell* on the main stage. Onsite parking is \$10.

TUESDAY, JULY 16

FREE FAMILY MOVIES ON THE BEACH

Al's Beach Club & Burger Bar, The Boardwalk, Okaloosa Island, 8 PM

ALSBEACHCLUB.COM/MOVIE NIGHT

FREE showing of *Tangled*.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

"OVER THE HEDGE"

Camp Helen State Park, Panama City Beach, 6 PM

Movies, food and fun for the entire family.

Stage > Upcoming Stage Shows



Capt. Davy and his crew (krewe?) entertain pirates of all ages Monday nights at Al's Beach Club & Burger Bar on Okaloosa Island.

THURSDAY, JULY 4

EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING"

Grand Park, Grand Boulevard, Miramar Beach, 8 PM

EmeraldCoastTheatre.org

A comedic and family-friendly spin on Shakespeare's immortal classic. FREE! Abrakadoodle Education and Parties NWF will be on hand for kids' crafts before the show, 7-8 PM.

MONDAY, JULY 8

CAPT. DAVY AND THE CROSSBONES CREW PIRATE SHOW

Al's Beach Club & Burger Bar, Okaloosa Island, 5-9 PM

ALSBEACHCLUB.COM

Illusions, balloon sculpting, storytelling and more.

THURSDAY, JULY 11

ACT4MYSTERY'S "A VACATION TO DIE FOR"

La Paz, Destin, Seating at 6:30 PM, Dinner and Show at 7

Act4Mystery.com

Paula Hilton's lovable rednecks are back, and they're taking the Emerald Coast by storm. Also, someone is going to die! With **Cynthia Bergquist, Jim Downum, Mary Ann Troiano,**

Kay Yarbrough, and *Beachcomber's* own **Chris Manson** as "Bunky Wonky." Cost is \$34.95 for dinner (delicious fajita bar!) and show. VIP packages available. Call 850-862-2885 for additional info.

EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING"

Grand Park, Grand Boulevard, Miramar Beach, 8 PM

EmeraldCoastTheatre.org

MONDAY, JULY 15

CAPT. DAVY AND THE CROSSBONES CREW PIRATE SHOW

Al's Beach Club & Burger Bar, Okaloosa Island, 5-9 PM

ALSBEACHCLUB.COM

THURSDAY, JULY 18

ACT4MYSTERY'S "TOP O' THE MURDER"

La Paz, Destin, Seating at 6:30 PM, Dinner and Show at 7

Act4Mystery.com

Paula Hilton and her award-winning troupe celebrate All Things Irish...and someone is going to die! With **Cynthia Bergquist, Joe Chase, Susan DeJesus, Ken Olson, and Mary Ann Troiano** as "Patches McButterpants." Cost is \$34.95 for dinner (delicious fajita bar!) and show. VIP packages available. Call 850-862-2885 for additional info.

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Malt Shopping – American Single Malt Whiskey

By Bruce Collier

What is American Single Malt Whiskey? A lot easier to say than to define, that's what. The closest we have to an official government definition from the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) is one for "malt whisky" and one for "straight malt whisky," both of which appear to mean scotch.

Enter the American Single Malt Whiskey Commission (a private organization), which has asked the Feds to adopt its "standard of identity"—it must be 100 percent barley mash bill; distilled entirely at one distillery; mashed, distilled, and matured in the USA; matured in oak casks not larger than 700 liters, distilled at no more than 160 proof; and bottled at 80 proof or higher. No word from TTB, so we're still in uncharted territory.

American malt whiskies are currently distilled in Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Tennessee, Texas and Washington. That said, here's a selection of American single malts, all but one of which are available locally. All were tasted neat, and with a few drops of plain, filtered water.

Barley imparts a distinct flavor to spirits - crisp, sharp, nutty, sometimes sweet and peppery. It can be polarizing, but it's worth your attention.

Timber Creek Single Malt (Crestview, Florida)

90 Proof (45 Percent ABV), 100 Percent Barley
\$37.99

Unfiltered, aged a minimum of nine months in barrels in "Florida heat and humidity." Slightly darker amber honey color, not cloudy. Nose is forward, grainy and spicy, with wood, grape and dried fruit trailing. Taste—toasted campfire marshmallow dominates at first; the toasty sweetness lingers. No sharpness or burn, just a nice warming feeling. Full-bodied and chewy, with continuing grain and dried fruit. Water softens the graininess of the nose and the sweetness of the taste. I prefer it without water, though adding water brings more of the grapiness. Made a Manhattan—or "American Rob Roy," since it's malt. Very smooth, well-balanced cocktail.

Stranahan Single Malt, Diamond Peak (Denver, Colorado)

94 proof (47 Percent ABV), Non-Chill Filtered
\$66.99

Double distilled from a "proprietary blend of four barleys." Fruity nose, followed by a sharp, crisp barley note, then pipe tobacco, waffles and syrup. Taste is dry, nutty, savory, like dry sherry. A little water added some sweetness with a vanilla, honey and smoky orange marmalade finish. The water really opens it up, just add a few drops at a time and taste as you go. A great session whiskey.

Westland American Oak Single Malt (Seattle, Washington)

92 Proof (46 Percent ABV), Non-Chill Filtered
\$69.99

This is Westland's "flagship malt," representing the essence of the house style, 100 percent malted barley from Washington State. The label states that the spirit is matured "predominantly" in new American oak casks in steady and cool humidity in their "seaside home." Aged minimum

of three years. Medium amber honey color, not cloudy like some unfiltered whiskies. In the glass with some airing, the nose is more fruity and lighter than Stranahan's, opens up sooner into lemon and orange peel. Just a scent of warm honey trailing at the end.

Taste—sweet opening, more scotch-like than Stranahan, and with a warm comforting heat at the finish. There's a little raw grain at the edges that doesn't detract at all. Water brings out more sweetness, and a hint of smoke (there's that scotch), like fragrant pipe tobacco. The smoke lingers—and I'd never have tasted it without those drops of water. This could stand in for scotch in whatever cocktail you like.

Corsair Triple Smoke Small Batch Single Malt (Nashville, Tennessee/ Bowling Green, Kentucky)

80 Proof (40 Percent ABV)
\$49.99

Pot-distilled from cherry, beechwood and peat smoked barley. No age statement, non-chill filtered. Nose is mild, a hint of smoke, which gains

strength and then some fruitiness with time in the glass; like sweet-cured beef jerky. Taste is low-key, on the sweeter side, more smoke, warm but no burn. Said to be crafted for cocktails—try it in a Manhattan, Old Fashioned, Toronto.

Balcones Single Malt (Texas)

106 Proof (53 Percent ABV)
\$69.99

Aged in oak a minimum 22 months. Dark and slightly reddish color, almost like cognac. Nose is butter pecan, warm honey, vanilla and pear, some lemon zest at the end. Taste—it's hot, but the initial heat brings toasted nut and caramelized banana. Full-bodied, chewy; water opens up more sweetness, vanilla, grilled pineapple, lightly charred tobacco at the finish. Sip this by itself. Just keep adding drops of water and see what comes next.



Restaurant Guide

If your favorite restaurant isn't listed here, let us know by dropping an email to us at chris@beachcomberdestin.com!

AMERICAN

RESTAURANT PARADIS Nestled in the beautiful coastal town of Rosemary Beach, you'll find this hidden gem that loyal customers like to call home. Evoking a warm neighborhood feel, the dining area features an understated wine country elegance. Open for dinner beginning at 5 PM, Paradis is committed to serving fresh seasonal ingredients, which celebrate local produce and an abundance of fresh Gulf seafood, along with prime steaks and fine wines. Paradis welcomes wedding receptions, rehearsal dinners, and all celebrations, both intimate and large. Come join us! Located at 82 S Barrett Square, Rosemary Beach. Call 850-534-0400 or visit www.restaurantparadis.com.

ASIAN

LIN'S ASIAN CUISINE Enjoy carefully prepared and artfully served Chinese and Southeast Asian dishes in a pleasant and welcoming atmosphere. Chicken, beef, pork, duck, fish and shellfish are cooked to suit most tastes, and Lin's offers your favorites—General Tso's chicken, Mongolian beef, pad thai, lo mein and kung pao, among many others. Beer and wine. \$2-15. 130 Scenic Gulf Dr. #5B, Miramar Beach, 850-424-5888.

BAKERIES

CAKEMASTER'S BAKERY II Quality baked goods since 1971, made from scratch on the premises by a fourth generation baker. Decorated cakes for all occasions. New Sweet Expressions cake collection. Breakfast pastries—Danish (cheese, pecan, fruit), assorted coffee cakes, cinnamon rolls, crumb

cake, strudel, bienstich, pecan crispies. Delicious delights—brownies, ragulah, cream fingers, biscotti, cookies (wedding, sugar, chocolate chip, raisin, fruit bars, holiday) and more. Refrigerated desserts—éclairs, Boston cream pie, cheesecake, black forest cake, Italian rum cake, Napoleons, French cream puffs and more. Come on by and see us. 105 Beach Drive Suite A-3, Fort Walton Beach (behind Pizza Hut on Racetrack Road), 850-862-4911. Closed Mondays.

BARBEQUE

BACK BEACH BARBECUE offers a delicious yet refined menu highlighted by 12-hour slow cooked meats, simple homemade sides, gluten-free options and four sauces made special in house. At the center of attention are the restaurant's two wood fired pits, "Smokey" and "The Bandit," easily viewed and smelled from the covered patio, outdoor patio or via two garage doors which give the restaurant a true open-air feel. Back Beach Barbecue also offers catering for private and corporate events, delivery and a mobile food truck. The restaurant is open seven days a week for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, beginning at 6:30 AM. Located at 19714 Panama City Beach Parkway, Panama City Beach. Call 850-249-0822 or visit www.backbeachbarbecue.com.

LILLIE'S Q Award-winning on the national level barbecue restaurant located at 9848 Hwy. 98 W., Miramar Beach, approximately seven miles east of the Mid Bay Bridge. We offer barbecue that represents all areas of the U.S., such as pulled pork, baby back ribs, smoked chicken breast and beef tri-tip (sliced sirloin). All meat products

are slow smoked using natural wood and lump charcoal. Seven sauce choices with delicious side orders and the best banana pudding in the Panhandle. We offer a wrap around porch. No inside seating. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 11 AM-6 PM Call ahead orders welcomed! 850-654-3911.

BREAKFAST & MORE

CAMILLE'S CAFE Start your day with coffee and breakfast. We feature fluffy eggs, cinnamon rolls, apple pie muffins, fresh juice and smoothies. For lunch, enjoy our fresh caught tuna salad on an Asiago cheese bagel, Sriracha turkey sandwich or Mediterranean chicken salad sandwich. Plus all day Bloody Marys, mimosas, beer, and daiquiris made with fresh-squeezed juice. Join our party! 2931 Scenic Highway 98, Destin, 850-337-8860.

GRITS AND GRIND In 2011, a love affair between Memphis and the NBA Grizzlies began. With a Grit and Grind style of basketball, this southern team exemplifies hard work. Our owners bring the same commitment to hard work and fresh food at Grits & Grind, a breakfast establishment located in Seacrest Beach. We serve up a great southern breakfast and more, with friendly service in a fun atmosphere. Open daily, 7-11 AM. 10343 E Co. Hwy. 30A, Seacrest Beach, 850-231-4021. gritsandgrindbreakfast.com.

THE LOCAL MARKET Open 7 AM-3 PM daily. Fresh pressed juices, coffee, breakfast, gourmet sandwiches, homemade ice cream and more. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-460-8979.

THE PANCAKERY Serving breakfast and lunch daily from 7 AM - 2 PM Featuring build your

own pancakes and omelettes! Waffles, French Toast, crepes, benedicts, bananas foster and all traditional breakfast items. Also, lunch menu includes sandwiches, burgers, salads, wraps, and loaded potatoes. Now serving bloody marys, mimosas and cold beer. 960 Hwy 98 East, Suite 104, Destin. 850-269-0791.

BURGERS

AL'S BEACH CLUB & BURGER BAR Located on the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk, 850-226-4100. ALSBEACHCLUB.COM

CASUAL DINING

GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK Destin, 850-424-6650. GraffitiFBS.com

CONTEMPORARY

LOUIS LOUIS Louis Louis is another dining hit. This "sister" restaurant to the famous Red Bar offers a short but all-star menu of fish, chicken, pork, crab cakes and pasta entrees, served in fat portions by a friendly staff. Do whatever you have to do, but don't skip dessert. Colorful décor, comfy tables, full bar, \$5-25. 35 Mussett Bayou Rd., Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-1500.

DINNER & A SHOW

GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK If you're looking for something different in town for the whole family, come enjoy Graffiti & The Funky Blues Shack. We've been around for 20-plus years doing what we do best – FOOD + MUSIC! Our dishes are tried and true and are

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sure to satisfy everyone in your group. Our menu showcases a little bit of everything. We offer some of the best gourmet pizzas and pastas in town. We also prepare fresh caught Gulf seafood and perfectly grilled filets. Vegetarian? No worries, we've got you covered, too. While enjoying your delectable meal, you will also experience listening or boogieing to some of the best local and out-of-town talent. We have Jazz Jams, Blues Jams, and everything in between. We weren't voted Best Live Music Venue three years in a row for nothing! Summer music schedule is seven days a week—Sun.-Thu., 7-10 PM and Fri. and Sat., 8 PM until... We have a full bar and offer an early Happy Hour from 4 to 7 PM, as well as a late night Happy Hour Friday and Saturday (check website for time). Located at 34902 Emerald Coast Parkway in Destin. For reservations, call 850-424-6650. Full menu and music schedule at [GraffitiFBS.com](#).

REDD'S FUELING STATION a/k/a Redd's Pub N Song, specializes in great food and music. The menu is simple but delicious, including slow cooked beef brisket, sweet and spicy babybacks and fried green tomato BLTs. **Redd the Singing Bartender** sings as she bartends, hosts and serves on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays—customers can participate by requesting songs for tips. Redd offers over 350 songs to choose from. Wednesday is Open Mic Night, the longest running open mic on 30A with musicians of all levels and ages welcome. We have the sound system, you bring your instrument and your talent. Friday nights are live music. Redd likes to promote local musicians and several popular local bands had their first gigs here, including the Luke

Langford Band and Mose Wilson and the Delta Twang. Dinner reservations for four or more are highly recommended. Located at 2320 West County Highway 30A in Blue Mountain Beach. Call 850-325-0252 for information and reservations. Visit [www.reddsfuel.com](#) and find **Redd's Pub N Song** on Facebook.

ECLECTIC

Café Thirty-A Cafe Thirty-A has been here a while. Finding out why can be a delicious experience. A nightly-changing menu offers steaks, chicken, pork, lamb, and local seafood elegantly prepared with imaginative sauces and sides, courteously served in a beautiful beach-house atmosphere. Lobster bisque, stone crab claws, seasonal fish and shellfish, and wood oven-baked pizzas. Full bar. \$8-36. 3899 E. Scenic Highway 30-A, Seagrove Beach, 850-231-2166.

GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK Destin, 850-424-6650. [GraffitiFBS.com](#)

THE RED BAR The place to go—and say you went—in Grayton Beach. The Red Bar offers breakfast, lunch and dinner, with a short but expertly prepared menu of sandwiches, soup and salads for lunch, chicken, local fish, pasta and crab cakes for dinner. The apple dumpling will haunt you, in a good way. Live music, and more local color than you'll know what to do with. Full bar, \$4-21. 70 Hotz Avenue, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008. [www.theredbar.com](#).

FINE DINING

EDWARD'S FINE FOOD AND WINE Relax, you're at Edward's. Open everyday from 5 PM until everyone is full. Courtyard and indoor

seating available. Join us at the chef's counter, and watch as the team prepares gourmet dishes to order. We love children, so for safety and as a courtesy to others, children must remain seated with their parents. We operate on a first come first serve and do not take reservations. We look forward to serving you. 66 Main Street, Rosemary Beach, 850-231-0550. **Edwards30a.com**.

GERMAN/AMERICAN

FOKKERS PUB German sausages and homemade schnitzels go great with German beer! Brick oven pizza, grilled or fried wings, burgers, sandwiches and salad bar – there's something for everyone! Live music Wednesdays and Fridays. Located at 215 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE Unit #1 in Downtown Fort Walton Beach. 850-244-6666.

HEALTHY DINING

GEORGE'S AT ALYS BEACH Established in 2008, George's has offered regional coastal fare infused with global flavors to the quaint town of Alys Beach. We craft all of our dishes using locally sourced organic produce and the freshest seafood available, and present each with a generous helping of love. Our dishes fall into two categories—Behave and Misbehave. The Behave section features organic, spa-inspired dishes, while the Misbehave side touts traditional beach fare like fried seafood baskets and po-boys. The menu is rounded out with a thoughtfully curated wine list and a selection of decadent desserts. Our charming beach cottage provides the perfect backdrop for a casual dinner with friends and family. Dine indoors in our airy yet cozy dining room, or soak in the beautiful Florida sunshine on our front deck or screened porches. Open 11 AM-3 PM and 5-9 PM 30 Castle Harbour Dr., Panama City Beach, 850-641-0017, [georgesatalysbeach.net](#).

ITALIAN

CIAO ITALIA BISTRO Dine inside or outside at Guglielmo Ianni's latest bistro. The big menu offers classic Italian appetizers like bruschetta, caprese and calamari, and a range of pasta, chicken, meat, fish and shellfish entrees—puttanesca, Bolognese, parmigiana, pescatore, and some house originals. Daily specials, family dining options, comfortable atmosphere and friendly service. Full bar. Open Monday through Saturday, 5-10 PM 985 U.S. 98 East, Suite F, Destin, 850-842-4677.

GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK Destin, 850-424-6650. [GraffitiFBS.com](#)

TUSCANY ITALIAN BISTRO Authentic Italian cuisine includes pasta, freshest seafood, tender veal and more. A true taste of Italy—beautiful Italian decor with handpainted murals. Live Entertainment by Eclipse (Don and Amanda), Special Happy Hour from 5 to 8 PM 36178 Emerald Coast Pkwy. Next to City Market in Destin. 850-650-2451.

LATIN / MEXICAN

BUD & ALLEY'S TACO BAR Shake the sand off your feet, choose a colorful table, and get ready to experience South of the Border favorites, Florida-style. Baja fish tacos, homemade guacamole, burritos, top shelf margaritas, and ice cold cerveza hit the spot for lunch or dinner. Open daily, 11 AM-9 PM 2236 East Scenic Highway 30A, Seaside, 850-231-4781. [BudAndAlleys.com](#).

LA COCINA is a Latin-inspired restaurant featuring both specialty dishes with a Latin flair as well as classic Tex-Mex cuisine. Nestled between Rosemary Beach and Alys Beach (in Seacrest Beach), the friendly staff offers some of the best drinks along 30A, including



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house-made mojitos, sangria, and a selection of fresh-squeezed lime margaritas. La Cocina is always voted as one of South Walton's hot spots for Mexican cuisine. All dishes are prepared from scratch using the freshest ingredients available. Open daily for lunch, 11:30 AM-3 PM, dinner from 5 to 9 PM. Seacrest Beach, 850-231-4021.

LA PAZ offers just about anything you'd want from a Mexican-Southwestern kitchen, including tamales, tacos, fajitas, burritos, enchiladas and quesadillas, plus a thoughtfully prepared list of grilled local fish and shellfish and imaginative spins on classics. Daily dinner specials, full bar. \$15-25. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-837-2247. www.lapazdestin.com.

PEPITO'S MEXICAN GRILL An enormous menu, plenty of room, and a friendly staff make Pepito's a good bet for a Mexican snack or feast. Traditional and unusual fare includes carnitas, enchiladas, fajitas, vegetarian dishes, steaks and seafood specialties. \$4-19. 757 Harbor Blvd, Destin, 650-7734. Additional locations in Bluewater Bay and Fort Walton Beach. www.mypepitos.com.

ROCKIN TACOS GRILL & TEQUILA BAR Located on the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk, 850-226-8226. ROCKINTACOS.COM

PIZZA & PASTA

BUD & ALLEY'S PIZZA BAR + TRATTORIA Savor artisan cheese, fresh salad, antipasto dishes, homemade soups, seasonal vegetables, hearty pastas and wood-fired pizza. Experience these authentic flavors in the courtyard, fireside at the bar, or on the veranda overlooking the Gulf. Open daily for lunch and dinner, 11 AM-9 PM 2236 East Scenic Highway 30A, Seaside, 850-231-3113. BudAndAlleysPizzaBar.com.

GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK Destin, 850-424-6650. GraffitiFBS.com

MELLOW MUSHROOM PIZZA BAKERY Widely, wildly assorted menu of stone baked pizzas, hoagies, calzones, salads, and specialty items. Pizzas traditional and exotic include pesto, jerk chicken, gourmet white, and Magical Mystery Tour. Colorful psychedelic décor and friendly service. \$4-25. 960 Hwy 98E, Sunsations Plaza, Destin, 650-6420.

SEAFOOD

CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF A tradition since 1977, Capt. Dave's is a go-to place for the kind of seafood that made this area famous. A time-tested selection of fried, grilled, and broiled fish, shellfish, steaks and chicken, with

house and seasonal specialties. Full bar. \$5-25. 3796 Scenic Hwy 98, Destin, 850-837-2627.

THE CRAB TRAP SEAFOOD AND OYSTER BAR Destin, 850-654-2722. CRABTRAPFLORIDA.COM

THE CRAB TRAP SEAFOOD AND OYSTER BAR Located on the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk, 850-301-0959. CRABTRAPFLORIDA.COM

DEWEY DESTIN'S HARBORSIDE RESTAURANT The classics, done right. Shrimp, crab, tuna, grouper, scallops, oysters and some land-based items, served fried, grilled, or steamed in most conceivable combinations. Family-friendly, accommodating staff. Nightly specials, full bar. Open daily at 11 AM 202 Harbor Boulevard, Destin, 850-837-7525.

DEWEY DESTIN'S NAVARRE All your favorites, plus live music with Beachcomber Music Award winner Austin Jennings every Saturday night from 8 to 11. Open Sun.-Thu., 11 AM-8 PM, and Fri.-Sat., 11 AM-9 PM. 8673 Navarre Parkway, Navarre, 850-710-7070.

DEWEY DESTIN'S SEAFOOD RESTAURANT Get fed with the real locals on Calhoun. Dine inside or out on the water, choosing from grilled and fried local fish and shellfish. Oysters, scallops, shrimp, crab, yellowfin and daily catch served in baskets, on platters or on sandwiches with gumbo, apps and salads that all go well with the laid-back setting. Beer and wine. Open daily at 11 AM 9 Calhoun Avenue, Destin, 850-837-7575.

FLOYD'S SHRIMP HOUSE Located on the Okaloosa Island Boardwalk, 850-243-2232. FLOYDSSHRIMPHOUSE.COM

GRANDE VISTA BAR & GRILL Located in the Emerald Grande. Open daily 7 AM-9 PM for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Grande Vista Bar & Grill has delicious local seafood, signature sandwiches and mouth-watering burgers. Enjoy casual or business lunch inside or poolside overlooking the Destin Harbor. Enjoy special drink prices inside or outside at our poolside bar. The view from our pool deck is simply breathtaking. Half-priced drinks daily, 4-6 PM 10 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-337-8100 x1550. info@emeraldgrande.com.

HARBOR DOCKS on the historic Destin Harbor has been serving simply prepared Gulf to table seafood from its own market since 1979. Offering hearty breakfasts, a lunch menu featuring blue plate specials alongside authentic Thai dishes, and the area's best sushi by world famous Chef Yoshie Eddings. In addition to traditional Gulf seafood dishes, there is something for everyone. 538 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-837-2506. harbordocks.com.

HARRY T'S LIGHTHOUSE Located in HarborWalk Village right on the beautiful Destin Harbor, Harry T's has something for all ages! With entrees ranging from fresh local seafood to our gourmet hamburgers, there's something for everyone! Voted Best Place to Watch the Sunset four years in a row, our outside deck offers an unparalleled view of the Destin Harbor. Mega Happy Hour Mon.-Fri. 11 AM-7 PM 46 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-654-4800. info@harryts.co.

OLD BAY STEAMER Wide variety of fresh steamed seafood served in every imaginable combination. Choose from crab, shrimp, lobster, oysters, clams, mussels, and fresh catch



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of the day. Pasta and steak/seafood pairings also offered. Friendly, efficient service. Open daily for dinner, with full bar. \$4-27, 102 Santa Rosa Blvd., Okaloosa Island, 664-2795.

ORIGINAL WATERFRONT CRAB SHACK Located on the water. The Crab Shack serves crab, shrimp, oysters, mussels, scallops and assorted local fish in an informal and family-friendly atmosphere. Crab steamer buckets, fried seafood baskets, sandwiches and po-boys, and some land-based items. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Daily specials, inside and outside dining. Full bar. \$3-45. 104 Miracle Strip Pkwy., Fort Walton Beach. 850-664-0345.

POMPANO JOE’S Come on in for some fun and fresh seafood with a very exciting flavor. Try our famous reggae rolls and our garlic crusted grouper! Lunch and dinner. Open daily from 11 AM 2237 Scenic Gulf Highway, Destin. Take Holiday Road South, turn right on scenic Hwy. 98, drive down about two blocks, and you’ll find us on the left side. **www.pompano-joes.com.** 850-837-2224.

SALTWATER GRILL We provide a relaxing, casual atmosphere designed to heighten the enjoyment of our customers’ dining experience. Most of our tables have entertaining views of a 25,000-gallon aquarium filled with dozens of exotic fish. Our Gulf fresh seafood and choice steaks are amazing. We welcome you to join us. Open daily—Sun.-Thu., 4-10 PM, Fri.-Sat., 4-11 PM. Panama City Beach, 850-230-2739.

STINKY’S FISH CAMP Seafood is king at this informal Santa Rosa Beach eatery. Oysters “all ways,” crawfish pie, catfish or frog legs meuniere, and gumbo are just a few of the Louisiana-inspired dishes. Service is friendly and attentive. Open daily 11 AM to 10 PM Serving brunch on Sunday from 10 AM to 3 PM Beer, wine and live music at Stinky’s Bait Shack from 6 to 9 PM 5960 Scenic Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-3053.

THE SURF HUT Miramar Beach, 850-460-7750. **SURFHUTDESTIN.COM**

STEAKS
MCGUIRE’S IRISH PUB OF DESTIN One of America’s Great Steak Houses. Feasting, Imbibery and Debauchery. We are known for great food, exceptional service, our own craft brewed beers, and fun live entertainment. Open LATE, from 11 AM to 1:45 AM seven days a week. 33 U.S. 98, Destin, 850-650-0000, **www.mcguiresirishpub.com.**

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE serves the finest aged, corn-fed USDA Prime beef. Broiled in a trademark 1,800° broiler and served on a plate heated to 500 degrees, your steak is presented sizzling hot at your table. Happy hour daily from 5 to 7 PM in any of our three bars, including the new East Bar. We boast an array of private event spaces, our own private billiard room, valet parking, and live entertainment five nights a week from *Billboard*-charting recording artist Michael J Thomas (upon availability). Open seven days a week at 5 PM For reservations, call 850-837-RUTH (7884) or visit **www.RuthsChrisDestin.com.**

SALTWATER GRILL Open 4-10 PM 1100 Hutchinson Blvd., Panama City Beach, 850-230-2739, **saltwatergrillpcb.com.**

SUSHI
JACKACUDAS SEAFOOD & SUSHI is a locally-owned seafood and sushi restaurant overlooking the historic Destin Harbor. The name derives from a famous fishing hole located 34 miles southwest of the Destin Harbor at 30°04.250N and 87°02.125W. Specializing in fresh, locally sourced seafood and products to provide our guests with classic Gulf Coast seafood dishes with New South culinary preparation. Open daily, 11 AM-10 PM 56 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-424-3507. **www.jackacudas.com.**

TAPAS AND WINE
LA CREMA TAPAS AND CHOCOLATE Spanish-inspired tapas restaurant featuring unique tapas and Spanish wines. The European vibe provides a relaxing atmosphere where we encourage guests to share dishes, converse and enjoy Rosemary Beach living. Open 11 AM-9 PM 38 Main St., Rosemary Beach, 850-624-7282, **lacrematapas.com.**

WATERFRONT DINING
BUD & ALLEY’S WATERFRONT RESTAURANT A pioneer of the fish- and farm-to-table movement, with an award-winning menu featuring Gulf Coast classics paired with Southern-style cuisine. The daily Sunset Celebration ritual on the Rooftop Deck overlooking the Gulf has been a tradition for more than 30 years. Open daily for breakfast (8-11 AM), lunch (11 AM-2:30 PM) and dinner (from 5 PM). Hours may vary. 2236 East Scenic Highway 30A, Seaside, 850-231-5900. **BudAndAlleys.com.**

CRAB ISLAND CANTINA Traditional and not so traditional Mexican and Latin food, featuring snapper enchiladas, grouper tacos, and award-winning seafood chorizo gumbo. Great selection of seafood dishes and Black Angus steaks, and all are big portions so make sure you’re hungry. Spacious dining area, multiple bars, even a fountain, plus the view of Destin Bridge and the East Pass. Full bar, wide choice of margaritas and beers, \$4-28, HarborWalk Village, Destin, inside the Crab Island Cantina Complex. 850-424-7417. **www.CrabIslandCantina.com.**

JIMMY BUFFETT’S MARGARITAVILLE From a volcano flowing with Margaritas to suspended airplanes, Margaritaville is more than a restaurant; it’s a state of mind. Open daily, 11 AM-10 PM Five O’Clock Somewhere celebration Mon.-Thu., 4-7 PM

76 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-460-7700. **www.margaritavilledestin.com.**

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S DESTIN is located next to the Mid Bay Bridge and Legendary Marine on the Choctawhatchee Bay in beautiful Destin, Florida. A little off the beaten path, but we like a little more room to breathe. Specializing in the BEST Burgers in Paradise, Southern Favorites and Lucy’s own GUMBO LOVE! Family friendly! Come by boat, anchor and wade in or call for our boat shuttle. Open daily at 11 AM. Live music nightly. Separate allergy menu. Beach for the kids to play, Fountain of Youth, LuLu’s Gift Shop. 850-710-LULU (5858). **www.lulubuffett.com/destin.**

VUE ON 30A showcases one of the best views for dining in all of South Walton. Open to the public and serving lunch, dinner, happy hour and Sunday brunch. Named “Best Restaurant of 2014” by Beachcomber, Vue on 30a offers the ultimate dining experience. Open for Sunday brunch, 10 AM-2 PM; Tue.-Thu.—lounge 3-9 PM, dinner 5-9 PM; Fri.-Sat.—lounge 3-10 PM, dinner 5-10 PM; closed Mondays. Happy hour in the lounge only 3-6 PM. Two for one entrée specials Wed.-Sat., 5-6 PM. 4801 Scenic Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-2305. **www.Vueon30a.com.**

WINE BARS
TWISTED GRAPE CAFÉ AND WINE BAR in Shalimar is an eclectic restaurant serving lunch and dinner with a varied menu of tapas style plates, flatbreads, Panini, award-winning ZinGouda burger and lasagna at dinnertime, and unique desserts. Our wine list includes wines from around the world. We host fundraising events and are available for any special occasion. Open Mon.-Thu. 11 AM-9 PM, 11 AM-10 PM Fridays, and 5-10 PM Saturdays. 1193 B Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, 850-651-5100. **twistedgrapewinebar.com**

Where to Spend Your Happy Hours in Beachcomberland

CAMILLE’S AT CRYSTAL BEACH
2931 Scenic Highway 98, Destin
850-337-8860
When: 3-5 PM daily.
Drink Specials: Lots, including Camille’s Signature Sangria. Plus a stunning view of the Gulf.

FOKKER’S PUB
215 Miracle Strip Parkway SE Unit #1, Fort Walton Beach
850-244-6666
When: 3-7 PM every day except Tuesday (closed).
Drink Specials: \$2 domestic beers, \$3 well drinks (Jack, Jim, Bacardi, etc.), \$3 house wines, \$1 off everything else.

GRAFFITI & THE FUNKY BLUES SHACK
34902 Emerald Coast Parkway, Destin
850-424-6650
GraffitiFBS.com
When: 4-7 PM daily, late night happy hour Friday and Saturday, 10 PM-midnight.

GRANDE VISTA
Emerald Grande, HarborWalk Village, Destin
850-337-8100, ext. 1550

When: 4-6 PM daily.
Drink Specials: All drinks half off (except bottles of wine and Drink Special of the Day), plus specially priced apps.

HARRY T’S
HarborWalk Village, Destin
850-654-4800
When: Mon.-Fri., 11 AM-7 PM—downstairs bar only.
Drink Specials: Half off drinks.

JACKACUDAS
HarborWalk Village, Destin
850-424-3507
When: Monday-Friday, 3-6 PM Sushi bar and bar area only. Bonzai Wednesdays, 6 PM-close with half price sake, house wine, apps and sushi rolls.
Drink Specials: Half-price hot sake carafes, house wine pours, select draft beers and select apps, plus \$5 California rolls, spicy krab rolls and crunch salmon rolls.

JIMMY BUFFETT’S MARGARITAVILLE
HarborWalk Village, Destin
850-460-7700
When: Monday-Friday, 10 PM-close.

Drink Specials: \$3 14-ounce Bud Light or Landshark draft, \$4 Barefoot cabernet and chardonnay, \$5 “Who’s to Blame” margaritas and “5 O’Clock Somewhere” cocktails.

LA PAZ
950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin
850-837-2247
When: 4-6 PM daily.
Drink Specials: \$5 top shelf Margaritas, FREE chips and salsa.

RESTAURANT PARADIS
82 S Barrett Square, Rosemary Beach
850-534-0400
Drink Specials: Daily from 5 to 6 PM—New Amsterdam Vodka Martinis for \$5. Every Tuesday and Thursday from 5 to 7 PM—\$5 select martinis and \$7 select wines.

SAMMY’S
1224 Santa Rosa Blvd., Fort Walton Beach
When: Early happy hour, 1-6 PM Late night happy hour, 2-4 AM Never a cover charge for escorted women, military, or restaurant-hotel-bar employees.
Drink Specials: Early happy hour—two for \$5 well drinks, \$10 buckets of beer, two-for-one



shot specials, no cover charge. Late night happy hour—two for \$6 well drinks, \$12 buckets of beer, two-for-one shot specials, no cover charge after 3 AM

TWISTED GRAPE CAFÉ AND WINE BAR
1193B Eglin Parkway, Shalimar
850-651-5100
When: Monday-Friday, 11 AM-7 PM
Drink Specials: \$1 off all Twisted (house) wines.

Relationships and Scaredy Dogs

By Dawn Bright

Dear Dawn,
My girlfriend and I have been together for about a year. We like hanging out together and have had some fun. The problem is we only do things she likes. She won't go to the movies or concerts, for example, and seems to only like going to the beach. I'm redheaded and fair-skinned so have never been a beach person. What should I do?

- Shawn O. from Destin

This is an easy one, Shaun. You both continue doing things you like to do, alone or with other friends, but you also find activities to do together that you both like. You've been together long enough where you probably have some insights into each other's likes and dislikes. And if you don't, shame on you!

A relationship is not just about hanging out and having fun. It's about getting to know each other and making life decisions based on what you find out. If you continue down this path of only doing what she likes to do, you'll begin to resent her for keeping you from the things you enjoy. So have some fun together, have some fun doing your own thing, and enjoy the benefits of a strong, fun-loving relationship.

Dear Dawn,
I just got home from a concert that I was super excited about going to. My girlfriend hadn't heard of this band before, so I was anxious to have her hear them too. But guess what? She didn't like them at all! Is this a deal-breaker?

- Bryan S. from Miramar Beach

Wow, Bryan. A deal-breaker because you don't like the same music? Sounds to me like you're looking for a reason to break up with her. And if that's the case, then just do it. There's absolutely no reason to waste any more time with someone that you're simply waiting to break up with.

I know from experience there is no perfect person, and that everyone comes with their own set of "problem areas." The key is finding someone you get along with the majority of the time, share some common interests with, and who keeps you interested and excited to be with. It sounds to me like you aren't with that person, so

move on and give yourselves a chance to find that "right" person.

Dear Dawn,
I just moved here recently from a place where we never had thunderstorms. I knew both of my dogs were afraid of fireworks, but had no idea how terrified they would become over a thunderstorm. I feel really bad for them. Any advice on how to help them through this issue?

- Becky L. from Ocean City

Becky, if I had the absolute definitive answer for this one I'd be a zillionaire! Everyone I know has stories about how terrified their dogs are during storms. I have four dogs, two little Chihuahuas and two large labs. The Chihuahuas could care less about the storms, but the labs? Scared out of their minds. They tremble so bad I can feel the floor shake. I've tried the thunder jacket (didn't work for mine, but it does work for some), playing loud music (didn't help, they could still hear/feel the storm, plus we have different tastes in music), giving them a "safe" location (the only location they're interested in is my lap, and at around 100 pounds each, that's a sight to see), behaving normally myself (this is supposed to show them nothing is wrong, but they don't believe me), and changing their location (another memorable sight, me trying to drag two giant dogs into a car during a storm).

None of that stuff works. The only thing that works in my house is to be home with them, let them sit with/on me, and pet and talk soothingly to them while the storm progresses. Astraphobia (the fear of thunder and lightning) is a real thing, especially with dogs! These wild thunderstorms are pretty common in Northwest Florida, so if you and your furbabies plan to stay, keep trying different techniques until you find one that works for you. And to everyone out there with pets who are afraid of fireworks, be sure they are safe this July 4th. Check that your gates are locked if they can get outside, and that there's no chance they can run away during the festivities.

Happy Independence Day, everyone!

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AQUARIUS

JAN. 21 - FEB. 19



Ah, Aquarius. This is easy. It always is when Venus slips into Cancer. Life is a big bundle of joy, excitement, reward and can't-miss opportunities. Your sensitivities in all areas of the arts, finance and philosophy are in focus. The world is like a big, slick calm ocean and your breeze through it with grace and understanding. This is as good as life gets—enjoy every minute.

ARIES

MAR. 21 - APR. 20



Venus enters Cancer, and even though your life couldn't get much better, it does. Your family grows, and friends appear from long ago. Never a dull moment...and all your moments are filled with happiness.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21



Mercury is retrograde, and this gives you time to meet others like you. It's hard to find people with the array of unattractive and desultory habits and tics that you posses, unless you're wandering through the freak show section of the circus. Good luck.

LEO

JULY 23 - AUG. 23



Eclipses are everywhere. Don't do anything risky. Risky like taking out the garbage. For God's sake, stay away from the water. And hills. And sidewalks. Weird stuff is happening, and you can't do anything about it.

LIBRA

SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23



You have never recognized limitations on greatness. Duh! That's why you're so great. Your accomplishments pile up by the hour and when the final chapter is written, the chapter on your successes alone will be more than 600 pages. But the story of your life is so glorious, it will be a pleasure for great writers to fight over the rights to your biography.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV. 23 - DEC. 21



The stars are screaming at you to cut your losses. Um, hello. To have losses you've got to have gains, right? You've been losing in nearly every area of life for so long there's no such thing as taking profits. You have to cut losses that are already losses so they won't become greater losses? Sheeesh.

PISCES

FEB. 20 - MAR. 20



The last half of July has your sign in a position for near disaster. You fall for every scam that exists. A new workout routine? Scam. A financial opportunity? Scam. A new romantic partner? Major scam! Don't be so trusting, you twit. People ARE out to get you, and you make it so easy. Toughen up!

TAURUS

APR. 21 - MAY 21



The darkness of the solar eclipse will be compensated by reams of endless fireworks—in the sky and in your life. You'll feel like M-80s are going off in your stomach (ulcers), and you'll have constant cherry bomb explosions in your head—at night—and they are disturbing flashbacks from a youth poorly spent.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 22



Capricorn's full moon means lots of your relationships come to an end. It could be a chance for you to reassess your life, and to remove yourself from the bizarre group of misfits you run with. Drunks, louts, degenerates, misfits...they've been your pals. But now you don't have any friends at all.

VIRGO

AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23



The partial lunar eclipse is perfect for your partial life. You're partially happy. Partially sad. Partially ugly. Partially dumb. Partially healthy. Partially in poverty. Partially all kinds of stuff. Find something, for once, and embrace it.

SCORPIO

OCT. 24 - NOV. 22



All the eclipses bring you an almost ESP-type clairvoyance. One small problem—the future is bleak and getting bleaker. You just get to see it in advance. Oh, Jesus. Your special brand of foresight allows you only to see the really bad stuff, and it is really bad stuff. No need for avoidance planning...it's way too bad for that.

CAPRICORN

DEC. 22 - JAN. 20



The sun barges into Leo, and the pace of your life changes abruptly. Like a very slick, heavy ball rolling down a steep hill filled with sharp, misshapen rocks, you are in for a ride no one can imagine. *Bam, bang, ooof, ouch, crunch!* One painful long downhill crash.

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Capt. Davy & the Crossbones perform a free show from 5:30-8:30pm with pirate songs & shenanigans perfect for mates of all ages!

TUESDAY MOVIES ON THE BEACH

Grab a blanket and a spot on the sand for our free featured movie at 8pm on the giant inflatable beachfront screen. Now featuring REAL MOVIE CHARACTERS before the show! Experience the magic and grab a photo of the kids meeting their favorite character starting at 7pm.

WEDNESDAY FIREWORKS SERIES

Front row seats to the 9pm fireworks show from the iconic Okaloosa Island pier.

THURSDAY BEACH LUAU PARTY

AL-oha from 5-9pm with FREE face-painting & balloon animals, live music, and an island inspired fire & dance performance on the beach at 8pm!

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AUG 17**

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TUESDAYS | FAT TUESDAY PARADE

CONCERT: 6:30PM | PARADE: 8:30PM The Harbor transforms into "The Big Easy" with dazzling floats, street performers, handbuls of beads and a firespinning show!

THURSDAYS | THROWBACK THURSDAY

VINTAGE PLANE FLYOVER: 6:30PM | CONCERT: 7:00PM | FIREWORKS: 9:00PM It's a blast from the past with music from each decade! The party continues with a spectacular fireworks finale and firespinning show following the concert.

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